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EUROPE.

LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

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ITALY.

King Victor Emanuel's Speech on the Roman Question—The Pope Independent.

FLORENCE, December 15.—The Italian Parliament has assembled and the session been opened by a royal speech. In his address to the Legislature, King Victor Emanuel says that he will, as a ruler of the kingdom of Italy, respect the inviolability of the Pontifical territory.

His majesty, as exponent of the national will, added that he wished his Holiness, Pope Pius IX, to remain independent of Rome.

National Joy, Liberty, Conciliation, and a Glorious Future.

FLORENCE, December 15.—The King of Italy opened the National Parliament on Saturday. In his speech he wished Italy joy of the freedom she had gained. He said that France, faithful to her promises, had withdrawn from Rome, and that the best understanding existed between Italy and Napoleon. He declared that he would respect the territory of the Papal States. He hoped that the moderation of the Italian people and the wisdom of the Pope, and a spirit of conciliation on both sides, would remove all differences, and said it was his wish that the Pope should remain independent in Rome. The King concluded by referring to the great and glorious future Italy had before her, and declared that she must, by every means, develop her resources to achieve her position as a great nation. The speech of the King was well received by the members of the Parliament.

The King's Envoy Received "Auspiciously" by the Pope.

FLORENCE, December 16.—The new Envoy of the Italian Government to Rome, Signor Torrelli, who was appointed in the place of Vezezzi when the latter resigned that mission, has been received at Rome by his Holiness the Pope.

L'Italia says, editorially, that strong hopes are entertained that the important mission of Signor Torelli, having begun so auspiciously, will have a favorable result.

THE FENIAN MOVEMENT.

James Stephens Said to be Arrested.

LONDON, December 16.—A man has been arrested in Norfolk, east side of England, who is supposed to be James Stephens, the Chief Organizer of the Irish Republic, but the establishment of his identity is as yet considered dubious.

RUSSIA.

Government Reform in Poland.

ST. PETERSBURG, December 15.—An imperial commission, with the Emperor Alexander acting as President, has been organized and commissioned, with the charge of carrying into effect the Government plans of reform in Poland.

HUNGARY.

Leoislative Address in Reply to the Crown.

PESTH, December 15.—During the sittings of the Legislature the House has passed the address of M. Deak in reply to the Emperor of Austria.

ALLEGED LOTTERY FRAUD IN NEW YORK

A Man Loses Thirty Thousand Dollars on "Policy Slips"—Hon. John Morrissey and Hon. Ben. Wood, with Others, Named in the Order of Arrest, Etc.

SUPERIOR COURT—CHAMBERS—Before Judge Monell.—An order has been issued by Justice Monell on the application of Charles S. Spencer, of counsel, for the arrest of John Morrissey, John A. Morris, William C. France, Charles H Murray, Z. E. Simmons, William L. Simmons, Jacob Bauch, David L. Reed, Benjamin Wood, Jacob Blauvelt, John McGee, Antonio Nathan, William Ward, William Craft, E. W. Hulse, and Oscar Clark, all of whom the Sheriff is directed to hold to bail in the sum of $8000 each.

The order of arrest was granted on the affidavit of Nelson B. Odell, a cooper in West 1Nneteenth street, near Tenth avenue, who deposes that during the two years last past he has lost the sum of $35 000 at different lottery and policy shops kept and maintained by the above defendants, of which sum $10,000 was lost at the shop kept by Jacob Blauvelt, at No 720 Washington street; $9000 in the shop kept by John McGee, at No. 138 Seventh avenue; $8000 at the shop of A. B. Nicholson, Nos. 98 Vesey street and 2½ Dey street; $1000 at the shop of one Nathan, No. 176 Broadway; $1000 at the shop of Wm. Craft, No. 57 Whitehall street; $2000 at the shop of E. W. Hulse, No. 188½ Greenwich street, and $1000 at No. 2 Fulton street; and he charges that the above defendants were interested in the aforesaid winnings from deponent. He further deposes that the sums lost by him were on policies sold to him by defendants, known as "lottery policy slips" purporting to be decided by the drawings of the "Kentucky State Lottery" and "Shelby College Lottery, of Kentucky," which he alleges are "owned, managed, controlled, manipulated, and conducted by the first ten defendants" above named. That "deponent is informed, and believes, and expects to be able to prove, that said drawings of said Kentucky lotteries, instead of having been lawfully and fairly drawn for the decision of the numbers of said slips, so by him purchased, have been falsely and fraudulently drawn, during the entire period in which said defendants obtained, as aforesaid, the $35,000 of this deponent's money, or, when regularly drawn, have been falsely and fraudulently suppressed, and other numbers, which had not been drawn, falsely inserted in their place, with the view of cheating and defrauding this deponent and other persons who made similar purchase of slips from the defendants aforesaid."

Deponent then describes in his affidavit some of the "tricks and devices" resorted to by defendants to effect these false and fraudulent drawings, such as the employment of one Lewis Davis to superintend the drawing in Kentucky, and to telegraph in cipher the result to defendants, who compared them with the numbers on the policy slips sold by them; and if the drawing "were found to inflict losses on said owners and managers, they wilfully, deliberately, wickedly, falsely, and fraudently changed and altered the said numbers so drawn in Kentucky, and replaced them by other numbers which were in agreement with the interests of such owners and managers."

Another "trick and device," he deposes, was to exclude from the observation of the drawing all persons not in the interest of the said owners and managers, and to "stock" the rooms where said drawings were made with myrmidons and agents of their own; that one of the parties thus employed to prevent the intrusion of the public upon the false drawings was John K. Briggs, who on one occasion, acting under orders of the owners and managers of the drawing, suspended a drawing for the avowed reason that said drawing should not be witnessed by any person who was not connected with or in the interest of said owners and managers.

Appended to the affidavit of Nelson B. Odell is an affidavit of one Nelson Ferris, who deposes that after having sustained heavy losses in the purchasing of "policy slips," he was provided on one occasion by one of the managers of the Kentucky lotteries, with a key to a cipher used by them in transmitting the results of the drawing by telegraph, and instructed to go to Albany with the understanding that he should be furnished in advance of the drawing with the numbers which were to appear as having been legitimately drawn; that he went to Albany according to instructions, and while there received, in advance of the time advertised for the drawing, the numbers, in cipher, that were to appear as having been drawn, and that with this information he purchased policy slips of John A. Hall, No. 3 Beaver street, and one Rosecrans, No. 16 Exchange Place, Albany; that the three numbers purchased by him as aforesaid appeared, duly certified by the Commissioners, as having been drawn, and that he was paid by Rosecrans the sum of $100, that being the amount of the risk taken by him, he (Rosecrans) supposing at the time of taking the risk that the drawing had not been decided.—*N. Y. Sunday Herald.*

ROBBERY IN WALL STREET NEW YORK.

Last evening information was lodged at the Police Headquarters that the firm of John Munroe & Co., brokers, doing business at No. 8 Wall street, had been swindled out of $10,000 by the dishonesty of a young man lately in their employ. It appears from the information obtained last night, that on Wednesday last the above-named firm sent a young man in their employ, about sixteen years of age, but whose name is at present withheld, to deposit in a certain bank a $10 000 gold bond. It is alleged that in place of the young man proceeding to the bank he went to a saloon near by, where he made a false entry of the deposit in the bank book, forging the name of the receiving teller.

He then returned to the office and returned the bank book, and soon after left the establishment, since which time nothing has been seen or heard of him. Yesterday morning his employers, thinking his long absence rather strange, sent a messenger to his father's, where the young man resided, but his whereabouts could not be ascertained. His father had presumed that he was visiting some relations in this city, but upon inquiry nothing had been seen of him. Yesterday afternoon the above firm sent their usual deposits to the bank, when the forgery was discovered. The officers immediately suspected their absent clerk, and last evening lodged information at the Police Headquarters. The young man is said to have lately been seen in company with another young man about the same age, and it is presumed they have both gone off together. No clue as to their whereabouts have as yet been ascertained.—*N. Y. Sunday Herald.*

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Court of Quarter Sessions—Judge Peirce.—This Court is still as busy as ever with prison cases, and notwithstanding the weather, persons continue to crowd the court-room, and the dock is every morning full of prisoners.

A CHEAT.

Mac. McCullough plead guilty to a charge of attempting to pass a counterfeit $1 note, knowing the same to have been counterfeit. He attempted to pass the note at several different drinking saloons, but did not succeed, as the bartenders were too sharp for him.

THEFT.

Mary Moore plead guilty to a charge of the larceny of clothing, valued at $115, the property of George W. Metsker. She was employed as a domestic in Mr. Metsker's family, and in this capacity committed the theft. She was detected by a policeman, to whom she confessed her crime.

STRUCK.

Jacob Cartwright plead guilty to a charge of assault and battery upon William Williamson. Williamson said that one day he was at his mother-in-law's (who is Cartwright's sister); the accused came up to him, and, after a few words, struck him in the forehead with a loaded cane.

RAGS.

John Brown and John Welcorn were convicted of a charge of the larceny of a bag of rags belonging to the Philadelphia and Baltimore Steamboat Company. Our detectives were upon the trail soon after the alarm was given, and were not long in overtaking the culprits. The rags were recovered and identified.

CLEVERLY FOILED.

George Brown was convicted of a charge of the larceny of keys belonging to James Duffey. Brown stole the keys from the Merchants' Exchange, and offered to sell them to the very man who made them, by which means he was detected.

ILL-USED POLICEMAN.

On election day a party of "legal voters" were politically excited, and were spreading their excitement all around the neighborhood of Twentieth and Catharine streets. They even became so patriotic that every man who came that way was considered a condemned traitor, and knocked down by the party.

Sergeant Robert Walsh came along that way and attempted to pacify this glorious crowd. Neal McCaffrey, one of the political fanatics, would listen to no offers of peace, and commenced a violent assault upon the officer, which was followed up by the whole party, and in which the officer was badly bruised and badly cut. The officers said that all these men belonged to the Seventh Ward, and had no business on that day at Twentieth and Catharine, in the Twenty-sixth Ward.

In consequence of these little circumstances Walsh brought this prosecution, charging McCaffrey with assault and battery and assault and battery with intent to kill. The jury rendered a verdict of guilty of assault and battery alone.

Supreme Court at Nisi Prius—Before Judge Thompson.—William Cramp & Sons vs. Cyrus J. Bull. In this case, plaintiffs allege that defendant, on the 22d day of December, 1864, sold to plaintiffs, as his property, 2943 pounds of copper sheathing, which had been stolen from the United States Navy Yard, at Philadelphia, by some person unknown to plaintiffs, and which copper sheathing was the property of the United States Government. Plaintiffs paid defendant $1471·50 for the copper, and used it in their business as ship-builders.

The United States Government in December, 1864, demanded payment from the plaintiffs for said copper, and they paid the United States Government $147 ·50 for it. This action is brought to recover this amount back from the defendant Ferguson and B. H. Brewster for plaintiffs; Heyer and Arundel for defendant.

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

MONDAY, December 17.—The Cattle Market was dull this week, but prices were without any material change. 2800 head arrived and sold at 15½@16½c. for extra; 13@14½c. for fair to good; and 10@12c. ₱ lb. for common, as to quality. The following are the particulars of the sales:—

95 head Owen Smith, Western, 14@15.
70 " A. Christy & Bro., Western, 14@16.
80 " P. McFillen, Chester county, 5@8, gross.
100 " P. Hathaway, Western, 14@16.
131 " James S. Kirk, Chester county, 14@16.
126 " James McFillen, Western, 15@16.
110 " Ulman & Co., Western, 14@15.
131 " Martin, Fuller & Co., Western, 14@15.
200 " Mooney & Smith, Western, 14@15½.
50 " T. Mooney & Brother, Western, 13@15.
68 " H. Chain, Pennsylvania, 6@8½ gross.
100 " Frank & Shomberg, Western, 14@15.
92 " Hope & Co., Western, 13@14½.
82 " J Cassady, Western 14½@16.
145 " B. Hood, Chester county, 12@16½.
164 " Chandler & Co., Chester county, 12@16.
125 " Mayne & Co., Western, 6½@8½, gross.

Cows were dull; 250 head sold at $50@80 for cow and calf, and $40@70 ₱ head for springers.

Sheep were unchanged; 5000 head sold at 5@6½c. ₱ lb., gross, as to condition.

Hogs were 15 better demand at an advance; 4500 head sold at $9@10 the 100 lbs. net.

Philadelphia Trade Report.

MONDAY, December 17.—The Flour Market continues to be characterised by much firmness, and there is a steady demand for home consumption, but a total absence of any inquiry for shipment. Sales of 1000 barrels, principally Northwestern extra family, at $11@12·75 including Pennsylvania and Ohio ditto ditto, at $12@13 50; fancy at $14·50@16; extra at $9@10 50, and superfine at $8@8·50. Rye Flour is held at $7·25 ₱ barrel. Prices of Corn Meal are nominal.

There was scarcely any demand for Wheat, but the offerings were small and prices nominal. We quote Pennsylvania red at $2.65@2 85; Southern ditto at $2·90@3 10, and white at $3 20@3 30; 1000 bushels New York Amber sold at $3. Rye is held at $1·20@1 40 ₱ bushel for Southern, Western and Pennsylvania. Corn is scarce and in fair request, with sales of new yellow at 9 c @$1, and old ditto at $1·16@1·17. Oats attract but little attention; sales of Delaware at 58c. No sales were reported in either Barley or Malt.

Cloverseed is quiet, with small sales at $8·50@9·50 ₱ 64 lbs. Timothy ranges at $3 25@$3·75; 500 bushels Flaxseed sold at $3.

Whiskey is held at $2·43 for Ohio, and $2·36 for Pennsylvania.

WHISKY FRAUDS.—Timothy McCarthy was before Commissioner Sergeant this morning, upon the charge of removing whisky from a distillery other than to a bonded warehouse. After hearing the evidence in the case, the Commissioner held McCarthy in $1000 bail to answer.

This morning, a man named Patrick McGarvey was before Commissioner Smith, on the charge of distilling without giving notice or bond, as required by law. He was held in $1000 bail to answer.

Dennis McCall was also before the Commissioner upon the same charge, and was held in $1000 bail to answer.

CHRISTMAS FAIR.—The ladies of the Trinity Episcopal Church have just opened their Fair at the Washington Buildings, in Third street, above Spruce. It commenced this morning, and will be continued until further notice. At the Fair may be seen the most elegant, fancy, and useful articles, eminently suitable for Christmas gifts. We would recommend our friends to pay them a visit, if they wish to see a beautiful display of goods.

THIRD EDITION

FROM NASHVILLE.

Celebration of the Battle of Nashville.

To the New York Associated Press.

NASHVILLE, December 16.—A great storm reached here Saturday, with heavy rain, light winds, and an attempt at snow. The telegraphic communication east and south was interrupted or suspended for eighteen hours, but it is all right now.

General Thomas and staff arrived here Saturday morning at 5 o'clock. They proceeded to the Spacy House, and were formally received by the Legislative Joint Committee. The day was so inclement that the published programme of the procession was abandoned. At 11 30 o'clock the party repaired to the Capitol in carriages through the principal streets. The Capitol was gorgeously decorated with festoons of evergreens and flags, the guidons and the colors belonging to Tennessee regiments, which they had brought through the Mexican war and against rebellion. The flights of stairs leading to the second story of the legislative hall were similarly adorned. General Thomas was conducted to the Speaker's seat amidst vociferous cheering. Governor Brownlow and Senator Grierson, the Speaker of the Senate, were seated on the left, the latter being chosen President of the assemblage.

After prayer by the Rev. Dr. Allen, the Legislative Committee on Resolutions reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the Legislature of Tennessee, filled with the most profound gratitude towards their distinguished guest, Major-General George H. Thomas, for his successful defense of the State capital, extend to him on this anniversary of his glorious victory, a sincere and cordial welcome.

Resolved, That the loyal men of Tennessee, emulating the example of patriotism and devotion to laws restored to them by the gallant defenders of the Union, pledge their support anew to the cause of freedom humanity, and progress.

After the congratulatory address, followed by a hand playing "Hail to the Chief," Governor Brownlow presented the gold medal, with these remarks:

"Major-General Thomas, the pleasant duty devolves upon me to present you, on this interesting occasion, an elegant gold medal, voted to you nearly a year ago by the General Assembly of Tennessee, whose members, both Senators and Representatives, now surround you. Although this medal is the first article of the kind yet executed in America its value to you does not consist in the amount of precious metal it contains, in the exquisite workmanship of art, but in the motives which prompted the gift, and the patriotic source from which it originates. It is intended to express the high regard in which you are held by the loyal Tennessee Legislature as a mail my chieftain and tried and devoted patriot, and a modest, unassuming gentleman.

"General, in no spirit of flattery I must be permitted to say to you, that in the great struggle of four years which recently convulsed the nation, of military commanders, you are, perhaps, the only one who never lost a battle, and in the government of armies and departments never made mistakes.

"There is something appropriate in the presentation of this medal to-day, and in this capital on the anniversary of the battle of Nashville. Two years ago to-day at the head of a gallant army, you were engaged in deadly conflict with the enemies of your country around this city, and two years ago to morrow, you closed that conflict, and saved this city from ruin, and sending out the hordes of treason howlers into Dixie, away down South. The Dixie portion of the enemy remained to secrete, at your hands, their long-lost rights, the only right that traitors are entitled to, funeral rites.

"Trusting that you may never have occasion to command another army on the field of carnage, and that you may live long to enjoy the fruits of victory you have contributed to achieve, I hand this medal over to one who will never dishonor it."

As General Thomas received the gift, the whole assemblage broke forth into tumultuous applause. He replied as follows:—

"Governor Brownlow, and Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives of the Legislature of Tennessee:—Profoundly sensible of the high honors you have this day conferred on me, I confess myself totally unable to thank you in appropriate terms. Be assured, however, of my sincere appreciation of these honors, and particularly the compliments which have been awarded to the officers and soldiers who participated with me in defeating the enemy two years ago this day at Nashville.

"Some twenty years ago I received my diploma at the Military Academy, and soon after a commission in the army. On receiving that commission I took the oath to sustain the Constitution of the United States and Government, and to obey all the officers of the Government placed over me. I have faithfully endeavored to keep that oath, as a solemn pledge on my part to return to the Government some little service for the great benefit I had received in obtaining my education at the Academy. (Renewed applause.) While I cannot venture to speak of myself without the fear of being accused of egotism, I can with pleasure and sincere pride speak of the brave soldiers and officers who at the commencement of the late war voluntarily came forth from the private walks of life, and devoted their lives to the defense of the Government established by our fathers. (Applause.) It has been my pleasure on all occasions to witness the devotion of our army, and I take pride in saying that no other country on earth ever produced such another army as that which assembled to put down the Rebellion (Applause.) The events immediately preceding the battle of Nashville were of such a nature that I am sure they would bear repeating, or at least justify some allusion to them on this occasion. After a vicorious advance into the heart of the enemy's country, our great leader, General Sherman rested at Atlanta, his mind engaged in perfecting plans of other operations. Although he had pushed the bold and gallant enemy into the heart of their territory, they were not discouraged; but the moment that General Sherman sat down to take a little rest immediately that enemy assumed the offensive, and attempted to drive him back. Seeing into their plans General Sherman detached me to Tennessee to attend to affairs in the rear of his army and keep open my communication with him. Even on my arrival in Tennessee the advance of the force of the enemy had attacked our new communications, and had done some damage; but was soon driven out.

"Soon afterwards General Sherman conceived the plan of marching to the sea, and left me to defend Tennessee in case the enemy should advance on that State, and attempt to go further North; and in case the enemy should follow, I was to pursue with what troops I could gather up, and harass his rear and communications. General Sherman's main army and the main army of the enemy remained quiet y observing each other on the borders of Alabama and Georgia while I endeavored to meet the emergency that was approaching by the organization of the returned furloughed men and convalescents, and concentrating them in such a manner as to be able to defend the post, if possible, but I was not permitted to remain idle. The enemy perceiving his advantage, started directly for Tennessee, while General Sherman, about the same time, started for Savannah.

"Thus there was then nothing left for me but to delay his approach as long as possible without risking a battle, until an army could be assembled sufficiently large to meet the enemy. After the utmost exertions on the part of myself and on the part of my staff and also on the part of the commanders of the different bodies of troops, we finally succeeded in getting an army of some 30,000 men at Nashville on the 1st of December, but they needed clothing and transportation; they needed horses to enable them to do something more than simply to fight the battle. It was necessary then to delay until these wants could in some measure be supplied. In the meantime the weather became very disagreeable, and it was almost impracticable to move the troops.

"This further delayed us some four or five days but finally, about the 12th of December, the preparations being made, the order of battle was explained to the commanders, and everything prepared for the conflict the next morning. Through the bad weather, which still continued we were delayed un'il the 15th of December. On that day General Steedman, with a small force of convalescents and men who had been on parole, partially organized, commenced the battle on the left, so as to occupy the attention of the enemy, who appeared entirely to forget the other portion of his line, and concentrated heavily at that point, evidently expecting the battle there.

"This was expected in my programme; and after General Steedman had opened the battle, and had been engaged about half an hour, our troops were moved into their respective positions, and almost like men on review, took post after post, and drove the enemy to the hills. (Cheers.)

"Next day, by a skilful movement of the cavalry commands, the enemy's left was en irely turned; and then, by one of the most gallant assaults I have ever seen, the entire line of the enemy was swept from the left to the right. (Applause.) So ended one of the strongest and most daring armies the enemy ever equipped. (Renewed applause.)

"This army was pursued for 250 miles, and finally received its last blow at the hands of the cavalry commander. It is with the greatest pleasure that I avail myself to day of the opportunity of speaking in praise of those gallant men and officers then under my command."

As General Thomas concluded, the hall rang with applause.

Several short speeches were then made by members of the General's staff, and the assemblage adjourned.

General Thomas and staff returned to Louisville by to-day's noon train.

Governor Brownlow and the East Tennessee members left for Knoxville this morning.

The Legislature adjourns to-morrow for the holidays.

By United States and European Associated Press.

NASHVILLE, December 16.—It is stated officially that the Board to recover the school fund report to the Governor that they received from the Tennessee National Bank at Memphis $346,052, and twenty-three State bonds of $1000 each, and made satisfactory arrangements for securing the remainder, about $300,000. They also report the condition of the Bank entirely solvent.

The work of removing the remains of Union soldiers, buried in this city and vicinity, to the Nashville Cemetery, on the north side of the Cumberland river, has been commenced.

An oil well has been struck in Overton county, Tennessee, which overflows at the rate of one hundred barrels per day.

A couple of salt mills are in operation in Warren county.

A large number of negros passed through Atlanta on Thursday, on their way from South Carolina to Arkansas, to work next year for $150, food, and clothing.

The Legislature of Georgia has repealed all laws denying foreigners the privilige of owning real estate; and also passed resolutions thanking Kentuckians for corn sent for distribution to the indigent poor of Georgia.

J. B. Conley, who was arrested for killing Dr. Hunter over year ago, but escaped from Jonesboro Jail, has been recaptured in Illinois and taken back to Jonesboro.

The Memphis steamer *Rattler*, from Cincinnati to New Orleans with provisions struck a snag on Island 37 on Thursday night and sank. The cargo is a total loss. Several of the crew are supposed to be lost.

From New Orleans.

By the New York Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, December 15.—The George W. Kendall who signed the petition to Congress to displace the present State Government of Louisiana and create a provisional one, is an ex-steamboat man, and, in connection with John Wilkins Kendall, senior editor of the *Picayune*, now here, who is altogether conservative.

Major-General Thomas J. Wood, commanding the District of Mississippi, has issued a circular thanking the Northern charitable societies for what they have done to educate the negro, and the many planters, who assured him that they would establish during the coming year plantation schools for the education of the children of their colored laborers, and make arrangements to have religious instruction to the whole. He renews his recommendations, and requests all planters to pursue the same course, and makes the following impressive remarks as to the necessity of much more being done to prevent the negro race from lapsing into barbarism. He says the race must advance or retrograde. Shall it be said in the future, that in the nineteenth century, in a Christian nation, any portion of its citizens were allowed to deteriorate in mental and moral culture? What a stain it would be on the fair fame of the nation!

From Louisville.

By the New York Associated Press.

LOUISVILLE, December 16.—Robberies and crimes have been perpetrated on a large scale in this city during the past few days. Several heavy robberies were committed yesterday, and a man named Smith was murdered last night.

The Democratic Convention for the appointment of delegates to the State Convention to be held at Frankfort, on the 22d of February, met in this city yesterday.

A number of resolutions were adopted, among which is the following:—

"*Resolved*, That we view with horror the revolutionary designs of the majority now in power in Congress at Washington, and that in view of these dangers we urgently recommend the meeting of a national Democratic convention in Louisville at an early period; and that we request the Democratic State Convention of Kentucky to issue a call for such convention, and that we suggest the last of May, 1867."

A slight snow fell this morning. Thermometer, 26

From Boston.

By the New York Associated Press.

BOSTON, December 17.—The Franconia murderer has been traced to Montreal, and the prospects of his capture may be regarded as sure.

The snow and rain storm last evening was very heavy, accompanied by high gales. The mail trains, however, do not appear to have suffered much detention. From the coast we have few tidings, but fears are entertained that marine disasters must have occurred.

The Snow at Chicago—Interruption of Railroad Travel.

By the United States Associated Press.

CHICAGO, December 17.—A snow storm, accompanied by a gale, commenced about 9 o'clock on Saturday evening, and continued during the night and a part of Sunday. Street railway travel is entirely suspended. It is probable there will be temporary interruption of railroad travel East and West.

Arrest of a Confidence Man.

By the New York Associated Press.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., December 17.—A confidence man, who has been imposing on people as an Episcopal clergyman, was arrested here yesterday. His real name is Weed, and he belongs to Hartford, Connecticut.

Ship News.

By the New York Associated Press.

NEW ORLEANS, December 16.—Cleared, steamer *Fying Shuey* and *General Sedgwick*, for New York; *Monticello*, for Boston; ships *J. H. Ryerson* and *Merchant*, for Havre

Arrived, steamship *Liberty*, from Boston; barque *H. L. Routh*, from Boston.

SAVANNAH, December 15.—Cleared—The steamers *Tonawanda*, for Philadelphia, and the *San Jacinto*, for New York.

SAVANNAH, December 16.—Arrived—The steamer *General Barnes*, from New York; the schooners *James A. Brown*, from Havanna; the *Harriet Brewster*, from New York; the United States Revenue steamer *Kenans*, from Baltimore; and the brig *Providence*, from New York. Cleared—The brig *Resolute*, for Nassau, and the barque *Earl George*, for Queenstown.

New York Bank Statement.

By the New York Associated Press.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The Bank statement for the week ending on Saturday shows:—

Loans, decrease	$2,187,697
Specie, decrease	590,850
Legal-tenders, increase	3,047,452
Circulation, increase	3,002
Deposits, increase	2,781,449

Sale of the Memphis Race Course.

By the New York Associated Press.

MEMPHIS, December 15.—John McGibbon, of this city, and Thomas McGibbon, of Cynthiana, Ky., have purchased the Memphis Race Course for twenty thousand dollars.

Markets by Telegraph.

NEW YORK, December 17.—Gold, 137½. Exchange active; 60 days, at 109½@109¾; at sight, 110½@110¾. Money at 6 per cent. Stock Market strong. United States Five-twenties, 1862, coupons, 107½@107¾; do. 1864, 105¾@106; do. 1865, 106½; new issue, 108½; Ten-forties, regular issue, 99½@99¾; coupons, 99@100; Seven-thirties, 105½; Missouri 6s, 91½; Canton Company, 45½; Cumberland preferred, 65½; Quicksilver, 45; Mariposa, 11½; Mariposa preferred, 31½; Western Union Telegraph Company, 49½; New York Central, 111½; Erie Railroad, 73½; Hudson, 120; Reading, 111½; Michigan Central, 112½; Michigan Southern, 82½; Illinois Central, 118; Cleveland and Pittsburg, 91½; Chicago and Rock Island, 105; Northwestern, 54½; do. preferred, 79½; Pittsburg, Fort Wayne, and Chicago, 106½.

BALTIMORE, December 17.—Flour firm; Chicago extra, $12@12·50; superfine, $10 50. The receipts of grain are light, the market firm for all descriptions Sales of Oats at 55@60 cents. Provisions dull; Cut Meats and Lard nominal. Groceries inactive and heavy. Whisky very dull. Seeds quiet. Cloverseed steady. Cotton dull. Middling Uplands at 33½c.

NEW ORLEANS, December 15.—Cotton has declined ½c Sales of 2000 baleof low middlings, 29@30½c.; middling, 31½c.; receipts 5037 bales. Sugar in good demand and prices firm; fair, 9½c.; prime to choice, 10 @11½c. Molasses in good demand and prices are looking up; fair, 57½c.; prime to choice, 60@64c. Sterling exchange, 49. New York sight bill ¼@½ discount. Gold, 37@37½. Freights are firm. Tonnage is getting scarce and the rates are looking up Steam freights to New York, 1½c. for cotton; to Liverpool, 9-16@⅝d

LOUISVILLE, December 15.—Sales of 43 hogsheads of leaf Tobacco; prices unchanged. Cotton 31c Hogs, $6·25@6 75; total slaughtered, 72,553; the receipts have increased. Mess Pork, $20 50; bacon Shoulders, 9½c, for future delivery; green Hams, 9½c. Superfine Flour, $9·25@9 75. Prime red Wheat, $2 60. New Corn, shelled, in bulk, 70@75c; ear Corn, 60c. Oats, in bulk, 56@57c. Raw Whisky, $2 22.

MEMPHIS, December 15.—Ordinary Cotton, 25c.; good ordinary, 27c.; low middling, 29c.; middling, 31c.; strict middling, 33c. The market closes dull.

AUGUSTA, Ga., December 15.—Cotton dull and declined ½ cent. 800 bales of middlings sold at 30½ cents.

SAVANNAH, December 15.—Cotton declined ½ cent. Sales of 350 bales of middlings at 31@31½c.

FOURTH EDITION

FROM EUROPE THIS P.M.

By Atlantic Submarine Telegraph Cables

No Fenian Outbreak Yet—James Stephens Still at Large—Austria Unkind to Hungary.

By the U. S. and European News Association.

THE FENIANS.

No Rising Yesterday—James Stephens Not Arrested, Etc.

LONDON, December 17—1 P. M.—There was no rising of Fenians in Ireland yesterday, as it was threatened there would be, and all is quiet there to-day. The fears of any serious trouble have all about passed away. James Stephens, Chief Organizer of the Irish Republic, is still at large, and all continues in mystery as to his whereabouts.

PRUSSIA.

King John Spending the Day with King Wilhelm.

BERLIN, December 17.—The King of Saxony is the guest of the King of Prussia, and is receiving every attention here.

AUSTRIA.

Franz Joseph will not be Generous to Hungary.

VIENNA, December 17—1 P. M.—It is stated that Austria has refused to comply with the wishes of the Pesth Diet.

The "Aleppo" at Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, December 17—2 P. M.—The steamship *Aleppo*, from New York, arrived here this forenoon.

The Pope Invited to the United States.

LONDON, December 17.—The *Times* of to-day contains a telegram from Berlin, in which the writer says the Pope of Rome has been officially invited to reside in the United States.

The same despatch, which is almost exclusively devoted to American affairs, says that Maximilian is actually a prisoner.

Financial and Commercial Intelligence.

LONDON, December 17—1 P. M.—Consols are quoted at 89 for money; United States 5 20s, 71½; Illinois Central Railroad shares, 47½.

LIVERPOOL, December 17—1 P. M.—Cotton has advanced; sales to-day, 2000 bales middling uplands

FROM WASHINGTON THIS P. M.

Eminent Southerners with the President—The Adjournment and the Negro Suffrage Bill—A Queer Report from South Carolina.

[SPECIAL DESPATCHES TO EVENING TELEGRAPH.]

WASHINGTON, December 17.

The North Carolina Commission.

Governor Worth, Chief Justice Ruffin, and Hon. D. R. Swain, of North Carolina, were at the White House this morning, to have an interview with the President, to protest against General Sickles' order prohibiting the infliction of corporeal punishment by the courts. They are also upon the commission appointed by the North Carolina Legislature to see in better terms cannot be obtained from Congress than those offered in the Constitutional amendment.

The Holidays and Congress.

It is not certain but that Congress will reconsider its vote to adjourn over the holidays, as it is held by some that such an adjournment may defeat the District Negro Suffrage bill, as, should the President send in a veto, there would be no Congress in session to receive it within the constitutional period.

Can it Be?

Mr. Dawes, of Massachusetts, has called the attention of the President to the allegation that a citizen of Massachusetts is imprisoned in South Carolina, on the charge of being a Union spy. The President immediately telegraphed an order to General Sickles for a strict investigation.

Business in Congress.

Congress will not do much until after the holidays, as many of the members have left for home with that understanding.

FROM BALTIMORE TO-DAY.

The Snow Storm—Important Gold Decision—Obituary—Accident to a European Steamship, Etc.

[SPECIAL DESPATCH TO THE EVENING TELEGRAPH.]

BALTIMORE, December 17.—The snow of yesterday has nearly all melted.

The decision in the Superior Court of Bogle vs. Carson, awarding the plaintiff nearly $10,000, has seriously interfered with the previous custom amongst brokers of operating on margins.

The jury, under Judge Martin's instructions, decided that the gold ordered must be actually purchased in coin and delivered. This case reverses all former customs of operating on margins, and makes brokers responsible for losses.

Rev. Stephen Williams died yesterday, in his eighty-fourth year; also, Judge Cochrane, of the Court of Appeals.

The steamer *Somerset* sailed for Europe on Saturday, but returned disabled. Her cargo must be discharged.

Mexican News.

By the New York Associated Press.

NEW YORK, December 17.—A special despatch from Richmond says:—"Mexican letters report that the Minister of Finance left the capital on a visit to the Emperor at Orizaba, who, it is stated had a renewed attack of fever.

A conspiracy against the Juarist chief, General Garcia, has been repressed.

No legitimate business is doing in Mexico, and the future is regarded as very uncertain.

The *Estafette* considers that by February, the struggle in Mexico of the oligarchical factions and the American intervention will be ended. They entertain more and more confidence in the speedy return of Maximilian to the capital. The *Era* and *Estafette* on the other hand, look for his abdication. The American ships-of-war are daily expected at Mazatlan.

In Jalapa there was a great scarcity of provisions and some suffering in consequence.

From San Francisco.

By the New York Associated Press.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 16.—The steamship *Oriflamme*, from Portland, Oregon, with $361,000 in treasure, arrived here last night. Her news is unimportant. Oregon papers state that a severe shock of earthquake was felt at Dolles and Umatilla on the 24th ultimo.

General McDowell issued a general order giving an account of a successful expedition from McDowell in Arizona, against the Apache Indians. Two ranches were destroyed, one containing a large amount of their winter stores. Six Indians were killed, a number taken prisoners, and some horses captured. The expedition was accompanied by some Pino and Maricopa Indians, who are highly complimented for the valuable services rendered.

From Texas.

By the New York Associated Press.

BALTIMORE, December 17.—Texas papers received here this morning report that a communication by steam between New Orleans and Corpus Christi has been opened.

The Lecture Committee of the Galveston Literary Society have forwarded an invitation to Hon. Horace Greeley to lecture before that society.

No new cases of cholera have appeared at San Antonio or the vicinity, and the disease may be regarded as extinct.

Accounts from Red river, Louisiana, represent that stream, as well as the others in the vicinity of Shreveport, as very high.

Arrival of the Steamer "Havana"

By the United States Associated Press.

NEW YORK, December 17.—The steamer *Havana*, from New Orleans, has arrived at this port.

CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, December 17.

By the New York Associated Press.

Senate.

A communication was received from the Secretary of War, in response to a resolution asking if the Commissioners, provided for by an act of 1864, for the payment of loyal owners of enlisted slaves, have been appointed, etc.

The communication was accompanied by a report, which was referred to the Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Sumner presented the proceedings of a recent meeting of loyal citizens, without regard to color, held at Norfolk, Va., asking for the reorganization of the Government of Virginia.

Mr. Saulsbury, of Delaware, objected, that, under the rule of the Senate, the proceedings of a public meeting could not be received unless they came in the form of a memorial.

Mr. Sumner, of Massachusetts, said this was not simply the proceedings of a meeting. It was in the nature of a petition.

The question of the reception of the document was referred to the Committee on Reconstruction.

Mr. Wade (Ohio) presented a petition for the reannexation of the city and county of Alexandria, Virginia, to the District of Columbia. Ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wilson (Mass.) reported favorably the House resolution for the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Lieutenant-General Scott.

Mr. Trumbull (Ill.) introduced a bill to provide for amendments to defects in the proceedings of the Courts of Law. Referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Mr. Sumner (Mass.) presented a bill to punish those who induce emigration of free colored persons under false pretenses.

Mr. Sumner said there were persons here from foreign countries endeavoring to persuade colored persons to emigrate, but virtually to inaugurate a sort of Coolie trade. Referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The bill to repeal the President's amnesty power was then taken up.

House of Representatives.

Under the call of States for resolutions,

Mr. Washburne (Ill.) offered a resolution, directing the select committee on the New Orleans riot to investigate the alleged frauds in the New Orleans Custom House, and the appointment of Rebels therein to the exclusion of Union men, and into all matters connected with the administration of affairs in that Custom House.

Mr. Harding (Ill.) offered the following:—Resolved, That the House of Representatives of the Congress of the United States will give unfaltering support to the Executive Department of the Government to vindicate the

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Contract the Currency.

From the Tribune.

The Chicago papers say that a committee, representing the merchants and manufacturers of that city, will soon visit Washington, to urge Congress to postpone contraction of the currency. What arguments these gentlemen will use we do not know, but certainly none more novel than the old threat of a sudden fall of prices, and unknown financial troubles. Contraction will be called a risk; the country is unprepared for it; better have too much depreciated paper money than too little specie. The financial wolf which it is predicted will devour us takes the shape, in these disturbed imaginations, of an enormous gold dollar. We will cheerfully meet the danger of its appearance.

Thus far, the Secretary of the Treasury has had small power from Congress to contract the currency. The laws passed at the late session tied his hands; but, under such power as he did possess, he has retired the revenue fund of $50,000,000, issued to redeem temporary loans, and $10,000,000 which Congress permitted him to withdraw within six months after the 12th of April. A few millions, under the clause providing for monthly contraction, have also been withdrawn; yet there are now about $380,000,000 legal-tenders in circulation. Gold closed on Saturday at 137¾, and a little arithmetic will show how much specie these $380,000,000 represent. Our dollars are not dollars, and pretend to a value they do not possess. With this inflated currency there can be no stability of prices, and the ordinary foresight of commerce is ever liable to be baffled by a rumor in the street, or a false telegram from Washington.

Business, based on a shifting and uncertain currency, is a house built upon the sands; when the floods come and the winds beat upon that house great may be the fall thereof. We do not suppose that there are any bold enough to advocate the perpetuation of paper currency, but we know that men like this Chicago committee practically strive to secure it by objecting to all measures which even look to a resumption of specie payments. It is, in their opinion, always too soon to begin. In our judgment, a day is approaching when it will be too late to resume specie payment by steady and sure contraction—when the paper balloon will suddenly burst from the excess of its own inflation. We would prevent a revolution beyond our control by beginning while we have the power to direct it.

Mr. McCulloch, in his report, urges the necessity of contraction and specie payments, and we trust his arguments will have more weight with Congress than the lobbying of Chicago committees. Existing restriction upon the power of the Secretary to withdraw legal-tenders should be loosened. Congress can do the country no worse service than to let the mistakes of last spring govern the legislation of this winter. At least, let us have a beginning; let something be done to tear the painted paper mask from the prosperity we really possess; let us feel the ground we stand on. There is no safety in any other course.

Reconstruction of the South De Novo—The Last and Final Plan.

From the Herald.

The important bill for the reconstruction of North Carolina from the very foundation, which Mr. Stevens introduced in the House of Representatives on last Thursday, is the last, most thorough, and we think final plan of settling the whole question of Southern restoration. It is comprehensive and both liberal and conservative at the same time. It leaves no room for quibbling about pretended rights based upon a state of things anterior to the Rebellion and subjugation of the South. It deals frankly and directly with the actual condition and status of that section of country. It is, we are persuaded, the surest and readiest way to restore the South within the shortest time practicable.

This bill, it is true, only provides for "re-establishing civil government in North Carolina, to enable it to resume its former relations as one of the constituent States of the American Union;" but it is undoubtedly the plan in substance which is to be applied to all the other Rebel States. And although it was introduced in a quiet, unostentatious manner, "at the request," as Mr. Stevens said, "of several gentlemen from North Carolina," it was evidently carefully prepared, and endorsed by the dominant party in Congress as a platform and basis of general action. In introducing this measure, framed by the mind of a statesman, Mr. Stevens has abandoned the *role* he sometimes takes of an extreme radical partisan, and is made the leader of a great party for carrying out a grand and comprehensive policy. The bill was referred to the Committee on Territories, but we suppose it will not lie there long. In all probability it will soon be brought before Congress again, when the whole question of restoration will be discussed and disposed of for all the other Rebel States as well as for North Carolina.

The preamble of the bill declares that the citizens of North Carolina did rebel and violently "set aside and destroy the organized constitutional Government of the said State." This is directly in conflict with the theory of the President, upon which the whole of his programme of reconstruction was founded. He held that the functions of the Rebel States were only suspended and not destroyed. But this theory, whether sound or unsound, has no practical value now. The Congress of the United States, which alone has the power to define the status of these States and to refuse or admit them to be restored, thinks proper to declare that, after having put down the Rebellion, it "finds no government organized or officers qualified, according to the requirements of the Constitution of the United States," in the Rebel States. It is then assumed that the action of the President throughout in the Southern States was under the war power and martial law, for the purpose of "preserving peace and order and of relieving his subordinate military officers from executing details of civil regulations," and that now "it is the duty of Congress by law to cause to be organized a Government, republican in form, based on the civil and law-making power of the nation."

This is the whole argument on the part of Congress upon which that body proposes to act. It is not even said that the President exceeded his duty, nor is it assumed that what he did was illegal. In fact, the bill legalizes so far everything he has done. But it is claimed that he was not competent to complete the work of restoration, and that, consequently, the law-making power of the nation—the Congress of the United States—has to finish it. In doing this that body, by the terms of Mr. Stevens' bill, deems it proper to begin *de novo*—at the foundation of all government in this country—that is, by a regular constituent convention chosen by the body of the people. This convention is to frame a constitution, republican in form, under which, when approved by Congress, the State will be entitled to claim admission, and the people "all the privileges and immunities appertaining to the citizens of the other States of the Union."

We are struck with the broad and liberal provisions of this bill with regard to the suffrage. In the election of delegates to the sovereign Convention to form a State Government, it is provided "that all male resident citizens of the age of twenty-one years, without distinction of race or color, who can read or write, or who may own in fee real estate of the assessed value of one hundred dollars or more," shall be allowed to vote. This is more liberal than the suffrage law of New York for the negro. Yet we know that few, comparatively, will be both liberal and conservative. But with regard to the whites the proposed bill is very liberal; for it provides "that no one who has heretofore exercised the right of suffrage shall be disqualified from voting at the said election." This Congressional basis of suffrage for the election of a constituent convention is the best, we think, for all the Southern States to adopt in forming anew their State Governments. It is an excellent basis, and would probably secure their prompt admission to Congress, and consequent complete restoration.

As to the delegates to be chosen to the convention, they will be required to take an oath prescribed in the bill, that they did not willingly, after the 4th of March, 1864, support the Rebellion, that is, that they wished, if they had had the power, to accept the terms of President Lincoln's proclamation of December, 1863, to end the Rebellion, and return to their allegiance to the United States; and also that they will hereafter faithfully support the Constitution and Government of the United States. This, we take it, after all, is not such a terrible oath. We do not see anything "iron-clad" about it. None but the most determined and incurable Rebels would be debarred from taking it. By far the larger portion of the Southern people must have become disgusted with the Rebellion and desired to return to their allegience to the United States by the 4th of March, 1864. Every reasonable Southerner will say it is only right that the delegates to form a new loyal State Government should have as much original loyalty about him as that.

The bill provides for an election of delegates on the 1st of next May, and for the assembling of the Convention on the 20th of the same month. It is to be hoped that Congress will report a bill or bills for all the Rebel States to be put through the process of reorganization at the same time, and in a similar manner.

In the concluding clause of the bill the President is authorized, and it is made "his duty so to dispose and employ the military and naval forces as to enforce the prompt and efficient execution of the provisions of the act."

Thus, then, the late Rebel States are to be forced, by the supreme power of Congress, to return to their *status* in the Union. They will not be allowed to keep the country in a disorganized condition to gratify their sullen and ridiculous opposition, or to indulge their absurd hair-splitting quibbles about constitutional rights which have no real existence. The loyal States are tired of the present abnormal state of things, and will force restoration upon the people they still hold under subjugation. The Northern people want peace and harmony, and the resources of the country developed for their own sake. They want that strength, both at home and abroad, which a restored Union only can give. This is the secret and motive of the present important movement in Congress.

If the South be wise it will cease talking about its fancied rights and imagined grievances, learn that there has been a revolution, see that it is absolutely in the hands of its conquerors, and accept promptly the Congressional plan of reorganization and restoration. If they do this, they will be fully restored to the Union within a year or so, their troubles will be ended, their beautiful country will enter upon a glorious career of prosperity, and they will help to elect the next President in 1868.

The Authority of Congress Over the Reconstruction of the South.

From the Times.

Mr. Stevens' bill in the House, and Mr. Sumner's resolutions in the Senate, raise the Southern question in a form that will compel Congress to determine specifically the principles and the policy to be pursued. In this respect, both are useful. For, though the action proposed by Mr. Stevens seems somewhat in advance of the requirements of the case, seeing that Mr. Spaulding's resolution in regard to the Constitutional amendment is yet before the Reconstruction Committee, the time for considering the general aspect of the question has undoubtedly arrived. If, as is believed, the session should not close without a final adjustment of the question, a consideration of the principles involved is now in order.

Each of the propositions at present before Congress proceeds upon a distinct basis. Mr. Spaulding would throw upon the Southern States the onus of determining whether they shall be restored to the Union or remain as now, subject to its burdens while deprived of its privileges. He proposes only to exact the ratification of the pending amendment, with evidence superadded that the forms of local government are "not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States." The chance to return on these conditions is offered, and the purpose of Congress in affording it is to be declared. The inference is, that the South may or may not be restored; the sole certainty being that it can not escape the jurisdiction of the Federal Government or the obligations it imposes, nor evade the penalties inseparable from exclusion.

Mr. Stevens, on the contrary, asserts that the Southern States are States no more—that they ceased to be such, as members of the Union, when their citizens rebelled against Union authority—that they are destitute of properly organized Governments—and that the United States, having subdued the Rebellion, is called upon to provide for the organization of local civil authority. The doctrine of State suicide is not, indeed, explicitly affirmed by Mr. Stevens in his bill; but that it is the animating principle of the measure is made evident by the terms in which North Carolina is designated in the preamble and also in the body of the enactment. "Said district formerly comprising the State of North Carolina," is the phrase employed, and it is susceptible of no other interpretation than that the State, as such, has ceased to exist.

The resolutions of Mr. Sumner affirm what we take to be indisputable—"the jurisdiction of Congress over the whole subject." They further declare the illegality of the existing Governments in the Rebel States, the absence of all right on their part to representation in Congress or to vote on Constitutional amendments, and "the duty of Congress to proceed with the work of reconstruction" on a certain indicated principle.

The duty of proceeding with the work, and that speedily, is to our mind obvious. The performance of this duty, however, will necessitate an authoritative assertion of one or another of the principles embodied in the propositions to be acted upon. Between the principle of Mr. Stevens' bill and the principle of Mr. Sumner's resolutions the difference is entirely abstract. Practically, it matters comparatively little whether we declare the States non-existent, and legislate accordingly, or whether we proceed on the hypothesis that the States still live, but that their disloyal organizations have been crushed, and that their inhabitants must conform to the will of Congress touching the organizations to be created. The theoretical difference is nevertheless of sufficient importance to be weighed carefully with a view to the constitutional justification of the course pursued.

Again, either of these plans differ fundamentally from the idea which underlies Mr. Spaulding's resolution. To a certain extent, that is illogical. It presupposes as well the continued existence of the States within the Union, as the sufficiency of local organizations growing out of President Johnson's provisional interference and dictation; yet it concedes to Congress the right to pass upon the local forms of government, and to exact conformity to its standard of the republican form. If Congress may do this, it may do more. And the power which may do this or more may dispense with the ratification of the Amendment by the South.

Here, then, is the pith of the question as now it stands at Washington. By way of compromise, Congress is asked to consider the expediency of renewing the offer of the amendment as an olive branch to the South; this time declaring it to be the condition of restoration, provided there be nothing in local law or forms at variance with the spirit of recent Federal legislation. Or, spurning compromise, and discarding pleas for further delay, Congress is invited to go on with the work of reconstruction, with exclusive reference to the permanent supremacy of Union men and Union institutions throughout the South.

The doubt which forces itself upon us in relation to the latter course pertains mainly to the question of time. Rather than permit the present state of affairs to continue indefinitely, fraught as it is with ill-feeling and peril, we would push forward reconstruction on the Territorial plan. It were better to assume that task, with all its delicate contingencies, than permit a practical severance of the Union, or its restoration on a basis to be fixed by the Rebel leaders. And to this complexion we believe it will come at last. The folly and contumacy of the South may necessitate and justify it as a means of consummating the victory achieved by the Union forces. But is it prudent to take the step before renewing the offer of compromise contemplated in Mr. Spaulding's resolution? We ask simply, is it expedient?—for the right of Congress to adopt ulterior measures, even to the extent of beginning afresh the work of organizing local governments, we are prepared to concede. Only let this severe and sweeping policy come not too soon or too hastily.

May it not be wise to give the moderate element at the South a little further time for the assertion of its strength? We dare not hope that that strength will prevail; but the trial will be beneficial, inasmuch as it will test the power of the rational portion of the people, and will prevent their consolidation against the course which may be afterwards adopted by Congress. Considering the question in this light, Mr. Spaulding's resolution seemed to us judicious; subject, however, to the understanding that an extension of time for ratification should not extend beyond the present session.

Of the other propositions, Mr. Sumner's is in many respects preferable. It is more in harmony with the principle which pervaded the policy of the Government during the war, and it is more likely to commend itself to the popular judgment than the doctrine of State suicide in any shape. It has another advantage. A series of resolutions, affirming principles and facts, is a more convenient basis of discussion than a bill in which principles and details are always more or less mixed. Besides, the time consumed in the consideration of these resolutions would really be an extension of grace in connection with the amendment, while the bill shuts off all chance of repentance.

The question is the most momentous that has arisen since the suppression of the Rebellion. And in its solution the country has need of the patience and the temper as well as the principle of its best statesmen.

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12 14 25t S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

TO ARCHITECTS.—PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR NEW BUILDINGS FOR THE WAR DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Architects are invited to prepare plans and specifications and estimates of cost for new fire-proof buildings for the War Department, on the site now occupied by the War Department and adjacent vacant ground, in Washington, D. C.

The buildings required should have a superficial area as large as the site selected will admit of. Photographs of site, and all other information relating to the subject, will be furnished to Architects desiring to compete for the work, upon application, personally or by letter, to the undersigned.

A premium of $2000 for the first, of $2000 for the second, and of $1000 for the third most acceptable plans and specifications received, will be awarded, upon the approval of the Hon. Secretary of War, by the Board of Officers charged with the duty of selecting a site and preparing plans and specifications for the buildings of the War Department under act of Congress approved July 28 1866.

The plans and specifications must be sent to the office of Brevet Lieutenant Colonel T. J. Treadwell, Recorder of the Board, Ordnance Office, Winder's Building, Washington, D. C., on or before the 1st day of February, 1867.

The Board will reserve the right to reject any or all plans submitted, should none be deemed suitable for the purpose, as well as to retain any or all of such plans.

By order of the Board.

11 20 1m] T. J. TREADWELL,
Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel, U. S. A., Recorder

OFFICIAL.

EXAMINATIONS FOR THE NAVY. TO VOLUNTEER OFFICERS

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, D. C., November 20 1866.

All persons who have served as volunteer officers in the United States Navy for the term of two years, and who desire to be examined for promotion to the regular Navy, as provided in the act of Congress approved July 25, 1866, will at once make application, addressed to Commodore S. P. Lee, Hartford, Connecticut, who will notify them when to appear. Those who do not make application prior to the 1st of January next, or who do not present themselves when notified, will be considered as having waived their claim for examination. Candidates will take with them, when summoned, their official papers showing their naval record.

GIDEON WELLES,
11 23fmwlm Secretary of the Navy.

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SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 10, 1866.

The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY MORNING January 8, 1867, between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock.

1 19 mwl13t P. LAWS, Cashier.

CORN EXCHANGE NATIONAL BANK,

PHILADELPHIA, October 16, 1866.

The Vice-President of the Bank, Alexander Whilden, Esq., having in May last, in view of a prolonged absence in Europe resigned his position, the Board of Directors to-day elected J. W. Torre, Esq., Vice-President, and H. P. Schetky, Esq., Cashier.

10 17 ALEXANDER G. CATTELL, President.

FARMERS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK.

PHILADELPHIA, December 7, 1866.

The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on WEDNESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.

12 11 26t W RUSHTON, Jr., Cashier.

NEW LONDON COPPER MINING COMPANY.—A special meeting of the stockholders will be held on FRIDAY, December 21 at the office No. 129 South FRONT, at 3:30 P. M., to decide upon the future course of the Company, and other matters of importance.

12 11 10t SIMON POEY, Secretary.

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CITY INTELLIGENCE.

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"NEW IRONSIDES" BURNED—THE OLD INVINCIBLE BURNT TO THE WATER'S EDGE—HER DIMENSIONS AND ARMAMENT.—On Saturday night the United States frigate *New Ironsides* was discovered to be on fire, and notwithstanding every effort to check the flames, the vessel was totally destroyed. For the past sixteen months the ironclads and monitors have been out of commission, and have been laid up at League Island, the owners of the premises granting permission to the Government to use the place for this purpose. The *New Ironsides*, the iron-clad *Atlanta*, and the monitor *Dictator* were anchored in the Delaware opposite the island, while the monitors were placed in the back channel. As the anchorage ground was not within the limits of a Navy Yard, there was no guard of marines, and the safety of the fleet was confided entirely to watchmen, who were always on duty at night. No fires were allowed on board the vessels, except in the engineers' rooms, where small stoves were used for the purpose of condemning the moisture and preventing injury to the machinery.

On Saturday night at 9 o'clock Mr. Frederickson, the ship-keeper, made his usual tour of the vessels, and found everything in order. The fire on board the *New Ironsides* was as usual, and there was nothing to indicate danger of any kind. But before he had concluded his inspection of the vessels his attention was attracted by the smell of burning wood. He returned to the *New Ironsides*, and discovered that smoke was issuing from one of the hatches aft of the engines. Mr. Frederickson attempted to trace the fire and thus extinguish it, but was prevented by the smoke, and he at once gave the alarm, and the few watchmen in charge of the other vessels endeavored to prevent the spread of the flames by battening the hatchways down.

Information was at once despatched to the Navy Yard, but before a tug could reach League Island the flames had burst through the hatchway, and at midnight the vessel was a mass of flame. In the meantime, the officers at the Navy Yard had applied to the steam engine companies in the lower sections of the city, and these promptly responded. The Shiffler Steam Engine, Franklin Engine, Southwark Engine, Marion Hose, Niagara Hose, and others whose names have escaped us reached the island soon after information was received that their services would be required. Assistant Engineer McCusker was on the ground, directing the movements of the companies. By the time the firemen reached the island all hope of saving the *New Ironsides* had been abandoned. Captain Irwin and Dr. Simons were on hand immediately after the first alarm was given, and so soon as it was seen that the *Ironsides* could not be saved, the firemen were so disposed as to protect the other vessels.

The *Dictator* and *Atlanta* lay in close to the wharf, while the *Ironsides* was about ten feet further in the stream, and, at one time, it was believed that the two former would share the fate of the frigate. The firemen, however, worked efficiently and, notwithstanding the numerous obstacles encountered at the piers, succeeded in saving both vessels. A portion of the wooden bridge leading to the bulkhead of the wharf was cut away, in order to allow the steam engine of the Shiffler to approach the water, and from this position she was enabled to throw a steam upon the *Atlanta* and *Dictator*. The other steamers drew water from the ditches in the neighborhood, but as these were soon exhausted, nothing more could be accomplished.

At two o'clock yesterday morning the flames were issuing from every port-hole and crevice of the frigate, and the brilliant light caused by the fire illuminated the sky miles from the scene. The firemen remained in service until 11 o'clock yesterday morning, when the fire was still burning on the *Ironsides*, but all danger to the other vessels had passed. The fire continued to burn all day yesterday, and, notwithstanding the terrible storm raging during the morning, a large number of persons visited the scene. The hull of the frigate still remained. The huge smokestack lay across the vessel, and at intervals during the day the heavy iron plates on the side became loosened and plunged into the river. Towards evening, preparations were made to tow the vessel to the flats, in order that a portion of the iron plates could be recovered in case the frigate went to the bottom.

The origin of the fire is, of course, still a mystery, but it is believed, by those best informed, that it was the work of an incendiary.

The *New Ironsides* was considered the best ironclad in the American navy, and, independent of her national reputation, she was an especial favorite with Philadelphians. She was launched from the yard of Crump & Son, on Saturday, May 20, 1862, and the event was one of more than local interest. The frigate was built of Pennsylvania oak, and was 215 feet long, 57 feet 6 inches beam, and 25 feet hold. She had two floor timbers to each frame, each 40 feet long, 18 inches deep, and 13 inches thick. The balance of the frame was 10 inches thick, and tapered from 17½ inches at the floor-head to 7 inches at the plank shear. The spaces between the frames were fitted solid from the keel to the plank shears, and were caulked inside and out before the planks were put on. Her kelson consisted of eight courses, 20 inches deep and 14 inches thick. There was also the main kelson, 20 inches deep and 18 inches at the side. This kelson had 2½ inches copper bolts to each frame, fastened through frame and keel, making over 200 copper bolts, four feet six inches long, and one inch and a half thick, from the main kelson alone.

On each side of the keel were three courses of garboard streaks, and the planking on the flat of the bottom was five inches thick, gradually increasing in thickness from the turn of the bilge to the main plating, where it was nine inches. The average thickness of the timber behind the plating was twenty-one inches. The berth deck clamps and bilge streaks were nine inches in thickness, the deck clamps eight inches, and those on the spar deck were seven inches in thickness. The iron plating was the principal feature of the vessel, and the severe contest in front of Fort Sumter established the fact that the *New Ironsides* was beyond all doubt the most powerful ship in the American navy.

This plating commenced four feet below the water line, and three feet above, and for 180 feet amidships was continued up to the plank shear. The plates were 4½ inch iron, while those on the spar deck were one inch in thickness. The plates were connected by tongues of iron fitted into grooves, and the heaviest plates weighed 6248 pounds. The ram or plating at the bow consisted of the two lowest streaks, meeting from the two sides of the bow, bolted together, and projecting beyond it four feet ten inches. This part of the vessel was fifty-six inches high, and nine inches thick. The iron plating on the vessel weighed over 900 tons, the hull of the ship 1979 tons, and the total weight, including outfit, machinery, fuel, etc., was about 4000 tons. The *New Ironsides* was barque rigged with three masts, and her spars so arranged that when engaged in action they all came down to the spar deck.

The machinery, which was of the finest workmanship, consisted of two horizontal condensing engines, with cylinders fifty inches in diameter, and thirty-inch stroke, and were calculated to make eighty-five revolutions, turning a thirteen-feet propeller. She was provided with horizontal tubular boilers, capable of developing 1600 horse power.

Her armament consisted of fourteen 11-inch Dahlgren and two 150-pound Parrott rifles.

HER DEPARTURE.

Having been thoroughly fitted out, the *New Ironsides* left the Philadelphia Navy Yard on the 31st of August, 1862, and, after a safe voyage, arrived at Fortress Monroe. On the 18th of January, 1863, having been ordered further South, she reached Port Royal, S. C.; the run to that port during the storms of winter having successfully tested her seagoing qualities.

HER FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH THE ENEMY.

April 7, 1863, Rear-Admiral Dupont moved upon the fortifications in Charleston harbor. His fleet consisted of the *New Ironsides* and eight monitors. Fort Sumter was first attacked, and during the contest the *Ironsides* became unmanageable and retired from action. She was struck between sixty and seventy times, but received comparatively little damage, thanks to the precaution of her commander, Commodore Turner. Her refusal to obey her helm in this affair was the cause probably of the failure of the capture of Fort Sumter.

The evil was speedily remedied, as this was the first time that she had been under fire. The experiment was most satisfactory, since she had experienced no injury, although subjected to the effects of a most terrific fire. Her iron walls were invulnerable, and this fact proved to her commander that she was all that her builders and the Department had expected her to be.

AN ATTEMPT TO BLOW HER UP

was made by the Rebels, which signally failed. They dreaded her prowess more than that of any other vessel, and they were determined to end her career if possible. In this they were frustrated at the time, although it is probable that their evil designs have been finally accomplished in the destruction of the *New Ironsides* by fire.

HER FIGHT WITH FORT MOULTRIE.

This was the fiercest engagement in which the ship was called to test her powers. Captain Rowan, better known as "Paddy" Rowan, a great favorite with his men and the officers of the navy, and as gallant a man as ever trod deck, took the *Ironsides* up within a few hundred yards of Fort Moultrie, anchored his ship, and opened fire upon the fort. The cannonading on both sides was of the most terrific nature.

The Rebels brought all their artillery to bear upon the frigate, but their shot bounded from her sides into the air, and fell plunging into the harbor. Not so, however, with the missiles from her impenetrable sides. Her broadsides, discharged in rapid succession, told with fearful effect upon the Rebel fort, and in the course of a couple of hours Moultrie was silenced, and the *New Ironsides* retired to her anchorage, her officers well pleased, and confident in her ability to brave every and any storm of shot and shell which the enemy could hurl upon her.

ORDERED NORTH.

In 1864 she was ordered North for repairs, after being nearly two years in active service, and having undergone more battering and dangers than ever before fell to the lot of a ship-of-war.

THE FORT FISHER EXPEDITION.

After having received a thorough overhauling, the double-tried floating fortress again appeared in the waters of Hampton Roads in October, 1864, with the pennant of Acting Rear-Admiral William Radford flying from her fore. She was detailed as the flag ship of Rear-Admirals Porter's iron-clad squadron, and on the 14th of December, 1864 she steamed out between the famous ocean gateway of Cape Henry and Cape Charles. On the following day she reached Beaufort, North Carolina. At this point the armada of Admiral Porter anchored to await the preparation of the "powder-ship."

On the 18th of December the entire fleet set sail and on the following day reached the ocean rendezvous, sixteen miles seaward from Fort Fisher. The intention of Porter was to send in the powder ship that night, and commence his attack in force early on the following morning. But the fiat of the storm king intervened. One of the terrible gales peculiar to the Atlantic coast commenced raging that very day, and for four days it continued with terrible fury. The fleet lay in the open roadstead at the mercy of the furious winds. Like frogs transports steamed back to the harbor of Beaufort, but the naval vessels buffeted the fiercest blasts of the wild Atlantic.

Four stormy days the grand old iron-clad steamed among her consorts, tendering and giving assistance. Her qualities as a sea-going vessel had never been thoroughly tested, and grim and grizzly old sea-dogs shook their heads dubiously as the gale came on, and all eyes were cast towards the *New Ironsides*. On the very first day of the storm all doubts as to the ocean worthiness of the great iron-cased ship were dispelled. She rode the angry white-crested waves as placidly as a swan would glide over the sunlit waters of an inland lake.

Or when at rest, like a rock rearing its hoar adamantine head above the wild wastes of waters, the mad waves dashed themselves to pieces against the iron walls of the invincible ship. The eyes that had lately cast dubious glances towards the experiment, now looked with fond admiration upon this bold defier of winds and waves. The nautical reputation of the *New Ironsides* was firmly and justly established.

The gale at length signified itself to rest, and on the morning of the 24th of December the order of battle was assumed by the fleet, the *Ironsides* in the van; and at noon on that day she fired the initial gun against Fort Fisher. The Armstrong bolts were tried against her sides; but she cast them off like drops of water, and punished the fortress terribly. As near as the depth of the water would permit did the gallant Radford urge his noble ship, and impassantly his guns thundered against the vaunted impregnable casemates of Fisher.

At night she was withdrawn from range. But early on the morning of Christmas Day, 1864, she again took up her position under the huge sand walls of the seemingly perfect fort, and all day long her guns belched forth destruction. That night it was decided to give up the attack, and on the following day the entire fleet withdrew.

THE SECOND ATTACK.

The fleet refitted at Beaufort, and on the 11th of January it set sail for a second time to Fort Fisher. At daylight on the morning of the 12th, the circular bomb-proofs were again in sight, and three hours afterwards the prince of the iron-clads had taken up her old position directly under the vaunted Armstrongs, and commenced her terrible overture of shot and shell. This time the firing was carried on slower than at the first attack, but with more precision. The third shot fired from the *Ironsides* struck within the embrasures of the fort, and never once, during daylight, was the range lost.

This time there was no withdrawal with the approach of darkness. All night long the *Ironsides* doggedly maintained her position near the fort, firing occasional shots in the darkness, and at daylight reopened her broadside compliments. During the nights of the 12th, 13th, and 14th did the invincible ship maintain her perilous position, keeping the enemy continually awake at their arms. During these periods of darkness, pigmy tugs ran up alongside the iron giant and supplied his larder with Brobdingnagian rations of shot and shell.

The Rebels were not unmindful of the mischief this invincible monster was doing their stronghold, and on the 13th of January their longest range Armstrongs were specially directed against her. Twenty of the herculean iron bolts, propelled on the wings of flame, fairly struck the bold ship, and had as much effect as a drumstick upon a drum. "Loudly laughed the bold Admiral; and his men laughed with him too." Sir William Armstrong's cunning was no match for the skill of the Quaker City mechanics.

The enemy, too, were convinced that to fire at this great mailed nautical giant was but a waste of ammunition, and so left the pride of the nation in peace, she in the meanwhile blazing away with redoubled vigor until the Fort fell. This occurred on the evening of the 15th of January, and with the conquest of Fort Fisher ceased the active duties of the *New Ironsides*. During the scare which prevailed on the James in March, 1865, the thunderer was sent for, and she steamed up as far as Bermuda Hundreds; but the pigmies came not within range of her terrific fire. Her iron walls were invulnerable, and this fact proved to her commander that she was all that her builders and the Department had expected her to be.

In a few days more Grant pierced the fortifications of Richmond

And the work of army and navy was done. Laurel crowned, the "Queen" of the earth's mailed ships steamed back to her native waters, and two years from the date of her second grand triumph she fell a victim to the insidious fire fiend. It is said to reflect that this seemingly imperishable monument of naval skill has succumbed to a foe against whose attacks even her iron sides were no protection.

Stripped of her armament, deprived of her cohorts of dauntless blue jackets, she ingloriously ended a most glorious career. But while the blue waves of the Delaware go rolling to the sea, the name and fame of the *New Ironsides* will be green and dear to the minds and hearts of all true Americans.

THE POOR AND THE COMING COLD WEATHER.—The advent of winter should remind those of our citizens who have been blessed with this world's goods that there are thousands who now feel keenly the necessity for clothing, fuel, food, and shelter. With a spirit of true benevolence, our people have organized numerous societies designed to care for the poor and helpless, but these derive all their usefulness through the contributions of persons of means, and if these be not liberal the associations are powerless. It may be well to remind the citizens of Philadelphia of the names and locations of these societies.

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Society for Relief of the Sick and Mutual Assistance (Hebrew)—M. Cauffman, Treasurer, No. 623 North Sixth street.

Female Society for Relief of the Poor, No. 112 North Seventh street—Racael Scattergood, Treasurer.

Soup Societies.—Central Soup Society, Cherry street, above Seventh—Clement M. Biddle, Treasurer, No. 331 Market street; Joseph Jeanes, President, No. 1021 Arch street; Joseph L. Hough, Secretary, No. 17 South Water street.

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Northern Soup Society, northeast corner of Fourth and Peters streets, above Brown—T. Morris Perot, Treasurer, No. 621 Market street; Charles J. Sutter, President, No. 304 Callowhill street—Samuel T. Child, Secretary, No. 824 North Second street.

Philadelphia Soup Society, No. 833 Griscom street, below Spruce—William Evans, Jr., Treasurer, Front street, above Dock; John J. Thompson, Secretary, No. 230 North Ninth street.

Southwark Soup Society, Sutherland street, below Second—L. B. M. Dolby, President, Beach and Coates streets; Edward S. Hall, Secretary.

Spring Garden Soup Society, Buttonwood, above Thirteenth street.—Thos. Mather, Treasurer, Twenty-second and Arch streets; James Peters, President, No. 1428 Poplar street; John M. Ogden, Vice-President, No. 446 Marshall street.

Western Soup Society, No. 1615 South street—David Scull, Jr., Treasurer, No. 125 Market street; John E. Carter, Secretary, No 1313 Pine street.

Any of the above officers will receive contributions for their respective societies, and we presume that donations may be sent directly to the soup houses

CONVENTION OF SCHOOL TEACHERS.—A convention of ladies and gentlemen connected with our Public Schools as teachers was held, on Saturday afternoon, at the Girls' High School, in Sergeant street. Edward W. Shippen, Esq., President of the Board of Controllers was called to the Chair, and George W. Fetter, Esq., Principal of the Girls' High School, acted as Secretary.

Mr. Shippen made a brief address on taking the Chair, during which he stated that the object of the meeting was to consider the best means of obtaining an increase of the salaries of the teachers.

A series of resolutions were adopted to the effect that the salaries of the teachers were insufficient for a proper maintenance at the present cost of living, and urging Councils to grant their just demands.

The following committee was appointed to bring the matter before Councils:—

From the Boys' High School, Prof. G. Inman Riche and Prof. E. Hopper; Girls' High School, Prof. G. W. Fetter and Miss M. Barnes; Boys' Grammar School, Francis S. Belden and Charles Rainer; Assistant of Boys' Grammar School, Miss Josephine Miles; Girls' Grammar School, Miss K. Kerrven and Mrs M McManus; Assistant of Girls' Grammar School, Miss M. McEwen; Secondary Schools, Miss Lucy McCuttaugh and Miss Agnes Struthers; Primary Schools, Miss Lizzie Hatfield and Miss Josephine Thorn; Unclassified Schools, T. Grover Brice and T. H. Quistetter.

Resolutions providing for the formation of a Teachers' Association were unanimously adopted.

OUR FIREMEN.—A committee of the William Penn Hose and Steam Fire Company will leave this city on Thursday next for Boston and Salem, for the purpose of presenting a card of thanks to the firemen in those cities.

The Franklin Engine Company have had a new and handsome hose-carriage built. The body is painted red, with cream-colored running gear. In front of the bell gallows is a statue of Franklin. The carriage will be housed to-day. A new set of wheels have also been ordered for their steamer, at a cost of $300.

The steam fire engine built in this city for a fire company in Franklin, Pa., will be shipped to-day. A trial took place a few days since, and she threw a stream of 249 feet.

A new truck for the Empire Hook and Ladder Company, of Lancaster, was housed in the house of the Empire, in this city, last Saturday. The truck will be taken to Lancaster to-day by the members of the Empire of this city.

DEFRAUDING A CLOTHING DEALER.—William Bryant and William Rosston had a hearing before Alderman Beitler, at the Central Station, on the charge of conspiring to defraud S. Hano, clothing dealer. The testimony was to the effect that Rosston called at the store of Mr. Hano with an order for clothing signed George Maguire, whose place of business is in South Front street; that a salesman of Mr. Hano called at Mr. Maguire's place to see if it was good, and there met Bryant, who pronounced it so, and gave a check on the First National Bank for $100, which purported to be signed by Mr. Maguire. Rosston again called at the clothing store, and received garments to the amount of $75 and $25 in cash. The check was afterwards discovered to be a forgery. Bryant and Rosston were held for their appearance at Court.

FURTHER HEARING IN AN ARSON CASE.—At the Central Station, on Saturday afternoon, before Alderman Beitler, William Keating, the colored servant in the house of Mrs. W. W. Fisher, at Seventeenth and Locust streets, had a hearing on the charge of arson. The arrest of the defendant on suspicion has already been noticed. Fire Marshal Blackburn stated the circumstances which led to the arrest, and then said that during a conference with the prisoner he had confessed the crime, and said he had done it because of a threat made to discharge him. Being asked how it was done, he replied that he lighted two matches, then threw them on the beds, and afterwards put a lighted match into one of the bureau drawers. He was committed in default of $5000 bail for trial.

THE WOMAN IN MAN'S CLOTHING.—A month or two ago a young woman in male attire, and a young man in company with her, were arrested in the lower part of the city, on the charge of having been concerned in the attempted robbery of the Rev. Father Gundther, of St. Alphonsus' Church. Both of them, on a hearing before the Mayor, were committed for trial, though the clergyman would not be positive that they were the offenders, he merely testifying that he thought so. The young man was before the Court on Saturday, on a writ of habeas corpus, and was discharged, the evidence not justifying his detention. The girl still remains in jail, no one appearing to be interested enough in her to intercede for her discharge.

FAIRS.—An attractive fair by the ladies of Trinity Church, Southwark, opens to-day at the Washington Building, Third street, above Spruce.

The Bethany Fair, gotten up by the ladies of the Presbyterian Churches, in behalf of a large Sunday School building now erecting in the northwest section of the city, will commence to-day at the Assembly Building, Tenth and Chesnut streets. A portion of the school building to be benefited by this fair will be fitted up as a reading room for workingmen.

TO BE CLOSED.—On and after to-day the mail boxes used in the cars of the Union Passenger Railway line will be closed. This movement is in deference to the decision of the Hon. Judge Strong of the Supreme Court, which denies the right to make a contract to carry the United States mail.

CORONER'S INQUESTS.—On Saturday, inquests were held on the body of Annie Duff, who died suddenly at No. 1204 York street, and on a child in Hamilton street, above Twelfth. A verdict of death from natural causes was rendered in the first case, and from causes unknown to the jury in that of the child.

SLIGHT FIRES.—An alarm was created about eight o'clock on Saturday evening by a slight fire at No. 1409 Arch street.

A shed, at Webster's brick yard, Twenty-first street, near Carpenter, was also damaged by fire.

The residence of Mr. Atwood, No. 1727 Girard avenue, was damaged to a trifling extent.

FELL ON THE ICE.—Last evening, Augustus Herkness fell upon the ice, at Ninth and Coates streets, and fractured his thigh. He was removed to his residence, in Ninth street, near Brown.

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The circumstances attending the destruction of this vessel would seem to reflect upon the naval authorities. It is evident that no sufficient preparation had been made to guard against just such a disaster as has now overtaken our best vessel. When the fire broke out there were no appliances at hand for subduing it, and the best that could be done was to batten down the hatchways, and send to this city for assistance. Before that arrived the vessel was a mass of flame, and it was only by the most strenuous exertions of the firemen that the fire was prevented from spreading to the neighboring vessels.

Congress, too, in the loss of this splendid and costly ship-of-war, may trace the workings of its short-sighted policy in regard to the League Island matter. Here are our iron-clad vessels—the very life of our navy—laid up on private premises, and confided to the care of a handful of watchmen. Had League Island been accepted for a naval site, as all the interests of the country have long demanded, this vessel could hardly have been lost. As matters now stand, it was by mere good luck that the *Dictator* and the *Atlanta* were not consumed also. We hope that this disaster will arouse Congress to the necessity of immediately making adequate provision for the wants of the navy, and that the naval authorities will meantime take measures for the more perfect protection of our iron-clads at League Island.

"Little Pleasantries"

THAT debatable ground for conflict of arms between the North and South—the city of Washington—has again witnessed a little *melee* between "distinguished gentlemen." The facts of the case are rather interesting. Dr. Sidney, of Mississippi, has been a staunch Unionist throughout the war. Judge Abel has been an intense secessionist since "reason held her sway in h's distracted globe." Some two years since a difficulty between these gentlemen resulted in a *rencontre*, in which pistol shots were exchanged, but "nobody hurt." After this slight exhibition of friendly relations, the parties did not meet until, on Tuesday last, they came face to face in the Capital grounds. Immediately upon beholding the Doctor, the Judge advanced, and without any previous provocation, saluted him Southerner!" Sidney, suuuuid, d—renegade adage that "Actions speak louder than words," preserved a sublime silence, and knocked the Judge down. One would have supposed that the Judge, when he made such an attack, would have naturally been prepared for such a catastrophe, and have armed himself for the emergency; but no such foresight was exhibited. No sooner was the form of his Honor picked up, than he peacefully departed, and in the afternoon sent a challenge, which, being accepted, was followed in the evening by a note of apology, in which the legal functionary stated that his salutation to Dr. Sidney was intended as 'a little pleasantry."

"Now, if you leave a man at two in the morning," says Dickens, "in the best possible humor, and meet him again at ten, and he, without provocation, calls you a serpent, it is natural to suppose that something has happened." The same logic applies to the present case. If you fight a duel with a man on a political difference, and the next time he meets you he advances, without a word of explanation, and calls you a "d—d renegade," it is natural to suppose that he desires another fight. But this logic has proved fallacious. An oath and an epithet of opprobrium is merely a "little pleasantry!"

We have our own theory in regard to the probabilities of the case. We cannot but think that the Judge did not expect the Doctor to resent the insult. Imbued with the idea that the supremacy of the South for courage was still an acknowledged fact, he thought that he could insult with impunity a man who had been true to his country. The rapid blow and the immediate acceptance of a challenge proved his mistake. It is seldom that we find a case in the code of honor in which the party who is struck, and who sends a challenge, is the one to apologize. A blow generally calls forth something more than a mere explanation. We should suppose that the notes which contained the "little pleasantry" gave a word of warning for the future. "Twice you have kicked me, sir; three times you have smacked my face; now beware of a sixth offense."

The despatch which tells us of the occurrence also adds that "the friends of the parties are very indignant at the result." It is strange, for most friends design to act as seconds. The dramatist represents the unfortunate "Bob Acres" as begging his friend to give his love to his family, which is entirely dependent on him for support, and eagerly asking him whether he does not think his duty demands that he should rise above passion, and live to maintain them. And the friend assuring him that he will give his exact words, and see that his family is made comfortable, is a very good instance of the solicitude of friends for your honor.

From this foolish instance we can draw a lesson. Let us advise our Southern neighbors to dispense with all "little pleasantries," and we hope that for its own good the South will acknowledge that all its course in regard to reconstruction is only a "little pleasantry," and with an apology rectify the errors of its way. If the South had a few more Judge Abels, it might have less courage, but it would certainly possess more common sense.

Manufacturing Popularity.

"PHILADELPHIA, December 16.—The largest audience ever assembled in the Academy of Music was assembled last night to witness the performance of Ristori as 'Queen Elizabeth.' She was frequently hailed with acclamations of delight. To-morrow night she will perform in *Leborah*, and on Tuesday repeat 'Mary Stuart.'" —*Special despatch to the New York World.*

—The above despatch is a fair specimen of how popularity is manufactured. In addition to its being on a subject in which the New York public can take no interest, it is false in its statement. The house on both occasions on which *Elizabeth* was played was good, and only good. The stockholders' seats were empty, and the upper parts were thinly scattered with people. Madame Ristori has appeared five nights only, two of which have been good, the remaining three barely paying expenses. When she played *Phædra* the scene was fearfully dreary. About one-third of the audience was asleep. By means of these false despatches it is hoped to create a *furor* in New York. If the metropolis imitate the Quaker City, it will not go Ristori mad.

Howard on Steedman and Fullerton.

THE report of General O. O. Howard, in relation to the published accusations of Generals Steedman and Fullerton, in the Freedmen's Bureau, has been made public. It is a scathing review of the course of these officers, and boldly lays the crime of suppressing and altering facts to their charge. He naturally observes that it seems strange that officers so long relieved from duty should have been selected to perform so important an investigation. The article utterly annihilates the attacks of the Inspectors, and places the Bureau in the true light—that of a protector of the weak and an administrator of justice. General Howard conclusively proves that the safety of the blacks and the peace of the Southern States alike demand its continuance.

Discussion Between Messrs. Wade and Sumner.

MESSRS. WADE and SUMNER had some discussion in the Senate on Friday, as to whether Congress was committed to the admission of Representatives from the so-called Southern States upon the adoption of the Constitutional Amendment—the former contending that it was, the latter that it was not. Practically, this question is not likely to amount to much, as the Southern Legislatures are refusing to adopt the amendment. Should they adopt it, however, during the present winter, there is no doubt but that their Representatives would be immediately admitted. The precedent set in the case of Tennessee would undoubtedly be followed.

JUDGE WORRELL, of New York, has issued others, as lottery dealers, and orders them to be held to bail in $3000 each. The complaint is made by one Odell, who has lost $35,000 in his policy slips. It is strange that we never hear of complaints made by those who win from the bank. Probably none ever win. The Hon. M. C. need not fear imprisonment, as after the 4th of March it would be a breach of privilege. We think we can understand the feelings of the faro dealer when he franks letters. Probably the lines apply to him which say:—

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The instrument is provided, in addition to the usual iron frame sustaining the strings in *the front* of the sound-board, with an iron brace frame in *the rear* of it, instead of constructing the latter portion of the instrument, as heretofore, of heavy pieces of timber. Both the front and rear iron frames are cast together in *one solid piece*, by this means imparting a solidity of construction and stability of tune not paralleled in all respects in piano-forte manufacture. The sound-board is supported in its position between the two frames by a simple apparatus which regulates its tension, so that the greatest possible degree of vibration and sound-producing capacity is obtained, and regulated to the nicest desirable point.

In every upright piano previously manufactured, the action stood upon posts, the lower ends of which rested upon the keys, rendering the mechanism complicated and liable to get out of order. In the new patent overstrung upright pianos of Steinway & Sons, the action works *directly upon and from the keys*, in the same manner as in their square and grand pianos, and the touch is just as light, agreeable, and prompt.

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From a trial and hearing of one of these instruments, we are convinced of their very great value to music. Their length and depth of tone is extraordinary; their vibratory power is in keeping with the fullest and soundest volume of tone; and there is a dulcet and crystalline clearness in the play of the higher keys. Sacred music, performed on this instrument, has a strength and resonance not to be supplied by any other instrument of its size. It is also one of its remarkable merits, that its tone can be brought to a positive close at will of the player, thus avoiding the old unmanageable vibration. We have no hesitation in approving the new instrument, which, with its peculiar and original advantages, seems the most perfect of its class. Its full beauty of form and mechanism must be seen to be appreciated.

AMUSEMENTS.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC—HISTORI AS "DEBORAH."—*Deborah*, or, *Leah, the Forsaken*, will be produced at the Academy of Music this evening. It is a drama in four acts, written by S. B. Mosenthal. The original copy and right of performance was purchased from the author by Madame Ristori for the sum of $2000, and the character of "Deborah" was performed by her with great success in Germany, France, Spain, Italy, and Russia.

PLOT OF THE PLAY.

The scene of this favorite play is in a German village. In the first act a number of Jews, who have been driven from Hungary, arrive in the neighborhood. Deborah" is the youngest of them, and very beautiful. She has been seen by the son of the magistrate of the village, and they form an attachment for each other. The father is displeased at the attachment, and, urged by the "Schoolmaster," a renegade Hebrew, he undertakes to try the effect of gold in ridding the village of the Jews. An old Jewish woman promises to take "Deborah" away when the gold is given, and the magistrate's son is made to understand that "Deborah" has received the money and abandoned him. He then sets his affections upon a girl of the village, and marries her. As the marriage ceremony is proceeding "Deborah" discovers it, and meeting her lover reproaches him with his faithlessness, and utters a fearful curse upon him and his family. In the fourth act, after an absence of five years, she returns to behold the condition of those upon whom she has hurled her imprecations. Her spirit of revenge yet burns in her bosom, but on discovering that the little girl, the offspring of "Albert" and "Anna" is named "Deborah," her heart is melted at the fact, and she utters a blessing on the pair whose happiness she would have before destroyed. She then leaves the village for the Western World.

The play is well known to the German and English stage, and has been deservedly admired where it has been presented, as originally written by Dr. Mosenthal.

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Deborah	Adelaide Ristori
Lauren, Mayor of the Village	Giacomo Glech
Albert his Son	Giovanni Carboni
The Schoolmaster	Cesare Mancini
The Pastor	Gio Maria Borgese
Anna, his Niece	Luigia Glech
The Mercer	Amedeo Bellini
The Baker	Federico Verzura
Abraham	Cesare Pilia
The Hostess	Adele Giammartini
Old Martha	Virginia Casati
Peter, a Servant	Giovanni Tessero
Rose, a Villager	Giulia Bovini
Reuben, a Jew	Cesare Ristori
Tailor	Guido Buti
A Jewess	Antonietta Cottin

On Saturday afternoon only Ristori matinee.

NEW CHESNUT STREET THEATRE.—Miss Matilda Heron, the favorite Philadelphia tragedienne, will appear in her great *role* of "Camille," this evening. Mr. George H. Clarke sustains the arduous *role* of "Armand Duval."

On Wednesday evening *Griffith Gaunt* will be produced.

On Saturday afternoon a matinee will be given. Mr. John E. McDonough in *The Long Strike* for the last time.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.—Mr. J. S. Clarke continues his engagement at the Walnut, and tonight plays in the two fine comedies, by Buckstone, of *Single Life* and *Married Life*, in which he takes the characters of "Peter Pinkey" and "Henry Dove." Mr. Clarke appears every evening this week, and has in rehearsal the plays of the *Knights of the Round Table, Uncle Zachary, The Merchant and his Clerks*, and *The Member from Pike*.

ARCH STREET THEATRE.—Mr. Chanfrau still appears as "Lord Dundreary" and "Sam," at the Arch, and has crowded houses. To-night he will add to these characters that of "Toodles." Mrs. John Drew has in rehearsal for Christmas week the famous drama of *Griffith Gaunt, or Jealousy*; together with *Ours, A Hundred Thousand Pounds*, and *The Frozen Deep*.

NEW AMERICAN THEATRE.—The *Black Crook* still draws great crowds at this theatre. Its popularity is undiminished.

CARL WOLFSOHN'S SECOND MATINEE.—The progress of civilization is indicated by the cultivation of the fine arts, among which the most significant is music. It is in this connection a pleasure to note the improvement in musical culture since twelve or fifteen years back. Concerts of the high character and elevated style of the one under consideration could not have been given in those earlier days of American art. Now they have them public, about not too large, and artists find it not only a safe but a paying business to give them. Mr. Wolfsohn is the boldest exponent of the classic school of music among us, and deserves the fullest support from the musical portion of our public.

The concert yesterday revealed in Mr. Wolfsohn some of the highest attributes of the artist, and he may be proud of the impression he made on his hearers. Herr Pollok was received with great enthusiasm and was recalled in his "Romance," to which he answered by singing Fesca's "Wanderer." This fine series of concerts is already nearly half completed, and promises to be very successful in all respects.

NATIONAL HALL.—The Old Folks and Miss Emma Nichols continue their popular Concerts this week. Their programme this evening is very attractive.

CARNCROSS & DIXEY have a bill full of fun and novelty this evening, including several new burlesques.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

[For Additional Local Items see Third Page.]

TOTAL DESTRUCTION OF THE UNITED STATES IRON-CLAD FRIGATE "NEW IRONSIDES."—In addition to our narrative on the third page of to-day's paper, we have been favored by an eye-witness with the following interesting and accurate account of the burning of this magnificent ship:—

To understand the "situation" fully, it is necessary to state that all the iron-clads in the Delaware were temporarily laid up in ordinary at League Island, near the city, as soon as they were sent out of commission at the close of the war, to await the action of Congress upon the final selection of a permanent depot for armored vessels. The light draft iron-clads, and three or four double-enders, were moored in a long line in the channel behind the island, and the mightier ships, the *New Ironsides*, *Dictator*, *Canonicus*, and *Atlanta* (the latter captured from the Rebels by the *Weehawken*, near Savannah, Ga.), were anchored in about four fathoms of water on the river front of the island, and about six hundred feet from the shore. The *Dictator* was farthest down the river, the *Atlanta* astern of her on the starboard quarter, and the *Ironsides* outside of both; all secured with massive chains and anchors, with their bows facing down the stream, and so close together that you could step from one to the other. The *Canonicus*, about a month since, was towed up to the yard to be docked and painted, and the old sloop-of-war *St. Louis* and the *Clematis* were hauled between the large iron-clads and the shore, and above the wharf. The others were in the position above stated when the fire occurred.

Between 10 and 11 o'clock on Saturday night Mr. Frederickson, the watchman on duty on the frigate *New Ironsides*, observed a strong smell of smoke and burning wood. Upon investigation, it was found to issue from the engine-room, near the after bulkhead, and near a small stove, which, we are informed, was kept there for warming purposes. The alarm of fire was immediately given, and those on duty on the *Dictator*, *Atlanta*, and adjoining vessels, and the officers of the iron-clad fleet who are quartered on the *Napa*, in the back channel, were summoned for aid. Most of them had retired for the night, but the alarm of fire is a peculiarly stirring cry to a naval officer, and they were soon on the spot. Commander John Irwin, who was not well at the time, was at his post with his corps of officers, and active efforts were made to suppress the fire by means of buckets, and tarpaulins to check the draft, etc., but the dense black smoke, which now rose in immense volumes, overpowered and drove them to the spar deck.

A special messenger, named O'Neill, was despatched to the Navy Yard for assistance, and the faithful fellow, at a "double quick," ran the entire distance easily four miles, in twenty-nine minutes; and, after alarming the fire companies in the lower part of the city, and the Second Street Station House, reported to the officer of the day, Lieutenant L. C. Cochrane, of the Marine Corps, who immediately aroused the Commandant and other officers of the Yard. The naval tugs *Pilgrim* and *Glance* were ordered to get up steam. The captain of the *Pilgrim*, with commendable despatch, secured a pilot, and by 1 o'clock had started with the Executive officer of the Yard, Captain W. H. Macomb, and a large company of marines, under Lieutenant Cochrane, for the island, distant by water seven miles. The *Glance* followed a little later, with a detachment of sailors from the receiving ship *Constellation*. Long before either arrived, however, the *Ironsides* was a doomed craft.

The steam fire engine Shiffler was first on the ground, followed by the Southwark and Franklin, and the Marion, Franklin, and Southwark Hose Companies, and two others, whose names we are sorry not to recollect, as their marvellous promptness in such a long run was worthy of all praise. Unfortunately, the tide was at the lowest ebb, and, as the pier or platform leading out to the vessels, which were moored together with immense iron chains, was too narrow to admit the wheels of the steamers, they experienced the double difficulty of being unable to procure a proper supply of water, or approach nearer than five or six hundred feet of the fire.

The firemen, however, went to work with a will, and with the assistance of the marines, who were detailed to carry fuel to the steamers and assist in leading out the hose, succeeded in getting a stream on the bow of the ship about two o'clock.

The scene was now grand and impressive. The devouring flames rose up along the entire length of the huge monster—the burning masts, like pillars of fire, stood up in bold relief against the dark back ground—the brave firemen, like salamanders, scaled grim iron walls—and the grim sentry on the deck of the *Dictator* quietly paced his beat, the perfection of military discipline—but admiration was suppressed in sorrow.

The "Pride of Philadelphia," the terror of Charleston, the noblest vessel in the navy of the United States, almost fresh from the scenes of her triumphs, was in the throes of an ignoble death, and those most anxious were powerless to save her.

The Southwark and Franklin soon came into action by cutting the ice and drawing water from a ditch. Two streams were added from the tugs, and for a time the fire yielded. Nearly half of the ship—that part forward of the mainmast—was darkened, but the wind blew sharper and colder, and nothing further could be gained.

Had she been alongside of a dock, there is no doubt that the firemen would have conquered. About 3 o'clock the great iron smokestack settled and fell across the deck toward the port-side; at 4½ the mizzenmast fell over astern, and an hour later the mainmast followed suit, but did not all go into the water. About 6 it commenced snowing and blowing furiously; at 8 the *Pilgrim*, with the marines, returned to the Navy Yard, and about 9 the engines started back to the city, everybody cold and hungry, with overcoats frozen stiff as boards. The port-side of the vessel had then fallen in, and it was believed she would soon sink.

Those who were cosily sleeping in nice warm beds can have little idea of the events of that night. Two firemen belonging to the Shiffler Company were mounting a ladder on the starboard side of the *New Ironsides*, when its lastings gave way and precipitated one of them into the ice-cold Delaware, and the other to the solid deck of the *Dictator*.

The first was in great peril for a few moments, as he was jammed between the hulls of the two vessels, in a very narrow space, and the tide and floating ice were both forcing their way through, but some of his comrades and a gallant marine fished him up and carried him to the ward-room of the *Dictator*, where there was a warm fire. The water from the bursting hose froze in all directions, and the decks of the iron vessels and the foot planks were so slippery that it was only by using the life lines that we could get aboard.

The *New Ironsides* was built in Philadelphia, in 1862, by Merrick & Sons, and cost about $750 000. She was a perfect success, and served faithfully, as every one knows, on the Atlantic coast until the close of the war. The neighboring vessels, the *St. Louis* and *Clematis*, were saved by being towed off. Various ideas as to the origin of the fire are entertained, but a Naval Court of Inquiry, which is usually ordered to decide such points, will be required to make a full official investigation of the cause, and see if the proper precautions against fire had been employed.

There were no officers aboard of the ship, and there have been no marine guards on duty there, though there is one at the Powder Magazine below, and a large one at the Navy Yard.

Of course, efforts will be made by Eastern Congressmen to turn this to their advantage by arguing the insecurity of League Island; but any one can see that such a mishap could have occurred as well at New London as here, if not more properly guarded against.

Commodore Thomas Turner is the senior officer in charge of iron-clads, but resides in the city. Commander Irwin was the immediate commanding officer at the island.

ARTISTIC ENTERPRISE—ANOTHER GREAT SALE OF BRONZES, ARTICLES OF VERTU, ETC.—Philadelphians, all lovers of the fine arts, all desiring to purchase ornamental and appropriate gifts for the holidays, or articles for home decoration, it is with pleasure we announce that you will again have the rare opportunity, and but a short one, of purchasing those exceedingly scarce and elegant works of art, just imported from Eastern countries by the Messrs. Viti Brothers. The last sale of this rare collection comes off on Wednesday and Thursday mornings next, at Concert Hall building, No. 1219 Chesnut street.

This collection comprehends all that is beautiful and appropriate, all styles, and all kinds and copies of the fine arts; and, inasmuch as it is a special importation for the supply of the wants of Philadelphia in this respect, we are confident that they will not overlook this most advantageous opportunity. Many were unable at the former sale to procure these beautiful specimens, consequent upon the great competition. They should at once avail themselves of this sale to procure duplicate copies of the works of the most noted masters of the fine arts.

The collection comprehends alabaster urns and vases of various and beautiful designs. Among this assortment are two of great size, worked from one piece of this rare material, having on their outer surface bas reliefs of elegant design. They are perfectly transparent, without a flaw or spot to mar or destroy their beauty. Besides these there is a large collection of Etruscan, Grecian, and Roman vases of all sizes, designed and selected from those of the ancient countries.

Of pure white marble statuary there is a grand selection. Copies from the most noted works of renowned masters among which are the "Dancing Girl," "Infant St. John, and the "Water Nymph," which claim especial attention, because of their beauty and expression of features, symmetry of form, and beauty of workmanship.

These figures are chiselled from a block of the hardest and purest of white marble, and are copies of the original works of Canova. Bronzes of most elaborate workmanship and elegance of design, many of which represent the numerous heroes, gods, and goddesses of mythological notoriety. Historical figures of past and present times are most graphically typified. Among this collection are two figures which claim especial attention, because of their life-like features, size, and material. They are the French bronze figures of the "Greek and Numidian" warriors in battle array. These two works cannot be surpassed for beauty and truthfulness of design, size, and finished workmanship. There are also figures of Richard Cœur de Lion, Jean d'Arc, Don Quixote, of windmill notoriety, and others too numerous to be separately described.

There are also three pairs of rare Siena stone vases, of a yellowish tinge; China vases, of every description rare qualities, elegant designs, gilt and ormolu clocks, parlor ornaments, etc. etc.

The purchasing public cannot be better engaged than in visiting and making an examination of this rare selection of fine specimens of art. For Christmas presents they will make the most appropriate ones.

Remember that there will be but two more sales at which persons desiring to secure these curiosities can do so.

Remember Wednesday and Thursday mornings, at No. 1219 Chesnut street, Concert Hall building, under the proprietorship of Messrs. Viti Brothers.

TO LOVERS OF ART.—AN IMPORTANT SALE OF PAINTINGS, by some of the best-known artists of Europe, will take place at auction on the evenings of Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, December 19, 20, and 21, at ½ o'clock, at the Art Gallery of B. Scott, Jr., No. 1020 Chesnut street. These paintings are the special importations of Mr. A. D'Huyvetter, of Antwerp, who made a venture similar to the present one about the same time last year, which was attended with marked success. Mr. D'Huyvetter has made his selections with great care, and has placed in his collection no paintings whose records are not perfectly clear. Many of these are gems of art, and well worthy the attention of connoisseurs as well as of amateurs. Among the artists whose works we find in Mr. D'Huyvetter's collection, are the following:—

L. Robbe, Brussels; F. Kruseman, Brussels; E. Verbockhoevan, Brussels; H. Savry, Utrecht; A. Van Humme, Brussels; J. Ruyten, Antwerp; J. Stroebel, The Hague; Rotlian, Brussels; C. J. De Vogel, Dortrecht; Verschuur, Amsterdam; C. Van Leemputten, Brussels; W. Kock-Kock, Amsterdam; J. Van der Waarden, Utrecht; F. Van Severdonck, Brussels; W. Morris London; F. Musin, Brussels; A. F. Verhoeven Ball, Antwerp; Th. Gerard, Brussels; W. I. Boogaerd, Amsterdam; A. Lion, Antwerp; Z. Noterman, Paris; C. Wauters, Antwerp; De C. Haye, Antwerp; De Bruyn, Antwerp; F. Le Bret, Leyden; De Vos, Cortray; L. Lampe, Gendt; H. Von Seben, Brussels; Charles Leickert, Amsterdam; Vaarmann, Amsterdam; and others.

The collection is now open for the inspection of the public, and will so remain until the sale is completed.

ROBBING HEN-ROOSTS.—The residents in the vicinity of Wissahickon and Nicetown have for some time past been annoyed by the depredations of some persons upon their feathery tribe. On Friday night, at the Falls of the Schuylkill, Officers Short and McClure overhauled two fellows giving the names of William and George Bratton, having in their possession two bags. They were taken to the Station House, and locked up until the next morning. Upon an examination of the bags they were found to contain twenty-five chickens, a bridle, a pair of lines, currycomb and card, and a cart-whip. Nathan L. Jones, residing on the Manayunk turnpike, above Wissahickon, identified the chickens as his property. They had pried off a board and broken another in half of his chicken-house, and absconded with the chickens. The two midnight depredators were taken before Alderman Bonsall, who committed them each in default of $1000 bail. These parties are supposed to be the ones who have committed all the robberies in the hen roost line in that neighborhood for some time past. The bridle and other property await an owner at the Fifteenth District Station House.

JOURNALISTIC ENTERPRISE.—We were agreeably surprised to find the *Sunday Transcript* so greatly improved in appearance yesterday. The type is remarkably clear, and the impression from the new press is light and pleasant to the eye. The improvements in the editorial department are marked, and it is gratifying to note the increase of advertising patronage. Such forward steps in the world of journalism deserve the support of the people. We observe that Colonel E. W. C. Greene, the proprietor, promises still further efforts to win the popular affection. He is determined that the *Transcript* shall be a first-class family journal in every respect, and that it shall be a leading organ of the business interests of Philadelphia. We trust that the *Transcript* may reach the proud position designed for it by the proprietor, and feel assured that his laudable enterprise will be amply appreciated.

FELL INTO A CELLAR.—Last Saturday evening a horse and wagon was left standing in front of a house in Master street, near Second. After standing there for a few minutes, a couple of men, who were both under the influence of liquor, jumped in and drove off. Suspecting that all was not right, a police officer stopped the team, and was about to take the two men into custody, when a person passing by interfered, saying that he knew who the horse and wagon belonged to, and that he would take care of them in his stable. He accordingly took charge of them, and drove them into a place in Pathorp street, near Thompson, where there was a stable on the premises. He left the horse and wagon outside in the yard, however all night, and during the night it fell into a cellar that was newly dug. It cost considerable trouble to get the horse out yesterday morning. The wagon was pretty well used up.

LARCENY.—John Haggerty was before Alderman Mauli yesterday, on the charge of the larceny of some carpenters' tool, the property of Enoch Hawkins, from a building upon which he was engaged at work, at Forty-first and Haverford road. Haggerty went into the house, gathered up the tools, and left in a hurry. He was overhauled by an officer, who escorted him before the Alderman, who held him for a further hearing.

A CONSTRUCTIVE LARCENY—John Campbell and a number of his friends went out on a bender, last Saturday night. John being of a shrewd and speculative turn of mind, and withal not very gregarious in his habits, he thought he would play a little game. He accordingly got possession of a five dollar greenback, the property of one of his companion's, under the pretense of getting it changed. That was the last the owner saw of it. John went to parts unknown, spent the $5, ate, drank, and was merry upon the proceeds. But John, unfortunate fellow! had hardly got over his Saturday night's headache on Sunday morning, when he found himself in the hands of the police, as he was wandering in the vicinity of Eleventh and Market streets. He was conducted to Alderman Jones' office, and was formally presented to that gentleman. After a hearing, he was held in $500 bail to answer.

A FAIR was opened at 10 o'clock this morning, for the benefit of the Alexander Presbyterian Church, Rev. T. M. Cunningham, pastor. The congregation is assisted by the Rev. Dr. Reed's, Beadle's, Henry's, D. A. Cunningham's, Murphy's, and the West Arch Street Churches, and while few of these present handsome cash offerings, the larger number are represented in the Fair by well-furnished tables. The Fair presents a display of useful and beautiful articles rarely equalled, and offered at reasonable rates. At 7½ o'clock this evening, interesting exercises may be expected, consisting of short addresses from Drs. Beadle, Reed, Governor Pollock, and others, varied with excellent music, presenting attractions to all who may wish to enjoy a pleasant hour and help a good cause.

THE MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ELECT.—Governor A. G. Curtin has issued his proclamation, announcing the election of the following persons to represent Pennsylvania in the Fortieth Congress:—Samuel J. Randall, Charles O'Neill, Leonard Myers, William D. Kelley, Caleb N. Taylor, Benjamin M. Boyer, John M. Broomall, J. Lawrence Getz, Thaddeus Stevens, Henry L. Cake, Daniel M. Van Auken, Charles Dennison, Ulysses Mercur, George F. Miller, A. J. Glossbrenner, William H. Koontz, Daniel J. Morrell, Stephen F. Wilson, Glenni W. Scholfield, Darwin A. Finney, John Covode, James K. Moorhead, Thomas Williams, and George V. Lawrence, to commence from and after the 4th day of March next.

A TRIFLE TOO FAST.—Last night a fast young man hired a fast horse and sleigh, and drove out some time near midnight to have a sleigh ride. The road was rough, and the clatter of the runners over the cobble-stones was anything but suggestive of music to the folks who were in the neighborhood. When his team had got to the neighborhood of Fifteenth and Race streets, an officer of the police arrested his career and him also. He was ignominiously escorted to Alderman Jones' office, and mulcted in a fine of five dollars, and was held in $300 bail to keep the peace. It is probable that he will wait for more snow before he goes out a-sleighing again.

A BOLD THIEF.—A huckster, giving the name of John Green, was arrested in Lawrence street, near Twelfth, on Saturday evening, on the charge of stealing a breastpin from a lady in Stiles street, near Eleventh. It appears he called at the house on the pretense of selling some vegetables. The lady answered the bell, and while she was talking to Green he made a grab at her breastpin, and, securing it, ran away. He was arrested soon after, and had a hearing before Alderman Fitch. He was committed in default of $1000 bail.

KEEP THE PAVEMENTS CLEAR.—The Mayor has given instructions to the police authorities to enforce the ordinance directing householders to keep the pavements in front of their dwellings and stands clear of ice and snow. It also provides for the clearing of the gutters. This must be done within six working hours after the fall of snow, reckoning from 7 A. M. The rigid enforcement of this ordinance will ensure the comfort of pedestrians, and prevent many painful accidents.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—Yesterday afternoon Solomon Haddock went into the hotel at the corner of Broad and Carpenter streets, and commenced a disturbance with the proprietor. After indulging in various threats and blows, he struck him in the back of the head with a knife, inflicting a painful wound. He was arrested by an officer, taken before an Alderman, and held in $1000 bail for his appearance at court, to answer the charge of assault and battery with intent to kill.

LIGHT-FINGERED.—John Lee is the name of an individual who keeps a tavern in Frankford road, above Huntingdon street. Among his customers is an Englishman, who is in the habit of going there occasionally to have a glass of "'af and 'af." John, no doubt, thought his treasury was in a very low condition, and taking advantage of the Englishman, who was in an inebriate state, picked his pocket of $100. John was committed in default of $800 bail.

NOTICE.—Some one who was confined in the Eighth District Station House, corner of Thirteenth and Spring Garden streets, on Wednesday or Thursday night, left a set of false teeth in the cell. They were discovered on Friday morning by the woman who was cleaning it. The property can be had by calling at the above Station House.

THE ENGLISH MONTHLIES can all be procured of A. Winch, No. 505 Chesnut street. He has just received the latest numbers of *Temple Bar*, the *Cornhill Magazine*, and *London Society*, together with the extra Christmas number of the latter, in which will be found a rare holiday treat.

A SUPPER IN CAMDEN.—The ladies of the Second Presbyterian Church intend giving a supper this evening in the unoccupied residence, at the corner of Third and Ridge avenue, the funds realized to be for the benefit of the church. Tickets can be had at the door.

ADMITTED TO THE BAR.—On motion of James E. Gowen, Esq., Mr. John H. Sloan was this morning admitted to practise as an attorney of the District Court and Court of Common Pleas.

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HUGHS—DEALY.—On the 8th of September, 1866, by the Rev. A. Reed, Mr. JOHN HUGHS, of Chester county, to Miss KATE DEALY, of Philadelphia.

MOORE—MERCER.—On the 12th instant, at Emory M. E. Parsonage, No. 1823 Callowhill street, by Rev. Samuel Irwin, Mr. JESSE MOORE to Miss HANNAH A. MERCER, all of Chester county, Pa.

RUTTON—WILSON.—On the 13th instant, by Rev. J. W. Bonham, HENRY D. RUTTON, of Pittsburg, to CORNELIA C., daughter of Philip Wilson, of Philadelphia.

DIED.

ACHUFF.—On the 16th instant, Mrs. MARGARET, relict of the late William Achuff, in the 58th year of her age.

Funeral from the residence of her son-in-law, John Blake, on the Street road, above the Fox Chase, on Wednesday morning, the 19th instant, at 10 o'clock.

BECHTOLD.—On the 16th instant, GOTTLIEB BECHTOLD, in the 76th year of his age.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, No. 1208 Wallace street, on Wednesday morning, the 19th instant, at 10 o'clock.

KIMMEY.—On the 17th instant, MARGARET KIRKLAND, relict of the late Captain Abram Kimmey, in the 82d year of her age.

KNIGHT.—On Sunday morning, the 16th instant, MARY A., eldest daughter of Rebecca A. and the late Thomas Knight.

Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her mother, No. 31 N. Third street, Camden, N. J., on Wednesday, the 19th instant, at 2 o'clock P. M.

MEHL.—On the evening of the 15th instant, WILLIAM M. MEHL, in the 46th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of his father, Jacob Mehl, Mill street, Germantown, on Tuesday afternoon, the 18th instant, at 1½ o'clock. Services at Trinity Lutheran Church.

NAYLE.—On the 16th instant, ANNA MARGARETTA NAYLE.

The relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 938 S. Front street, on Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Funeral services and interment at St. John's Lutheran Church, Race street.

REDNER.—On Monday morning, December 17, 1866, after a short illness of scarlet fever, KATE, only daughter of John L. and Mary A. Redner, aged 6 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, from her father's residence, No. 2018 De Lancey Place, on Wednesday afternoon, the 19th instant, at 2 o'clock. Interment at Woodlands.

TATEM.—On Sunday, the 16th instant, GEORGE P. TATEM, son of Captain S. and Mary F. Tatem, in the 20th year of his age.

His relatives and friends are particularly invited to attend

"ARE YOU A MASON?"

Rev. Mr. Magill, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Peru, Illinois, being asked the above question by a lady, responded as follows:—

I am *of* a band
Who will faithfully stand
In the bonds of affection and love;
I have knocked at the door,
Once wretched and poor,
And there for admission I stood.

By the help of a friend,
Who assistance did lend,
I succeeded an entrance to gain;
Was received in the West,
By command from the East,
But not without feeling some pain.

Here my conscience was taught
With a moral quite fraught
With sentiments holy and true;
Then onward I travelled,
To have it unravelled,
What Hiram intended to do.

Very soon to the East
I made known my request,
And "light" by command did attend;
When lo! I perceived,
In due form revealed,
A Master, and Brother, and Friend.

Thus far I have stated,
And simply related,
What happened when I was made free,
But I've "passed" since then,
And was "raised" up again
To a sublime and ancient degree.

Then onward I marched,
That I might be "Arched,"
And find out the treasures long lost;
When, behold! a bright flame,
From the midst of which came
A voice, which my ears did accost.

Through the "veils" I then went,
And succeeded at length
The "Sanctum Sanctorum" to find;
By the "Signet" I gained,
And quickly obtained
Employment, which suited my mind.

In the depths I then wrought,
And most carefully sought
For treasures so long hidden there;
And by labor and toil,
I discovered rich spoil,
Which are kept by the craft with due care.

Having thus far arrived,
I further contrived
Among valiant Knights to appear;
And as pilgrim and Knight,
I stood ready to fight,
Nor Saracen foe did I fear.

For the widow distressed
There's a chord in my breast;
For the helpless and orphan I feel;
And my sword I could draw
To maintain the pure law
Which the duty of Masons reveal.

Thus have revealed
(Yet wisely concealed)
What the "free and accepted" well know,
I am one of a band
Who will faithfully stand
As a brother, wherever I go.

INTERESTING FROM PARIS.

Special Paris and Continental Correspondence of "The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph."

PARIS, December 8.

The Mexican Question—How Will It End?

It is now everywhere believed that the Emperor Maximilian has decidedly quitted Mexico, and there is no doubt but that a determined effort will be made by the United States to firmly establish Juarez in the Presidency of the Mexican republic. But by what cross-roads has the Mexican Emperor left his capital? And has he done so in order to avoid meeting Monsieur de Castlenau, the special envoy of Napoleon III? How will all this end? Is the American Government to assume the formal protectorate? Is France to receive a guarantee for any portion of the expense of this ill-starred expedition? On these points no reliable information has as yet leaked out, and indefinite anxiety is felt about the next news from Mexico, which is expected to arrive very shortly via Southampton, by the steamboat *Seine*.

Passing the Time at Compiegne.

The stay of the Court at Compiegne promises to be but brief this year, for there is talk of an unusually early assembling of the Senate and the *Corps Legislatif*, to enable these bodies to get through the larger portion of their deliberations before the opening of the Exhibition.

What with the sittings of the Army Commission, shooting parties, and stag hunts, the Emperor and his guests work very hard.

The second series of guests leave Compiegne to-day, to make room for the third series, who will arrive to-morrow.

The Empress and Her Excursion to Rome.

Many people now seriously believe in this pilgrimage to the shrine of the departing temporal power, which is intended as a proof of the confidence with which the Empress is animated, and of the profound sympathies felt in the highest quarters towards the Holy Father. It is, however, not yet known whether this visit will be undertaken with the sanction of the Emperor; but whether such be the case or not, at a juncture like the present, when the Convention of September is at its maturity, it is not strange that it should excite so much attention.

The imperial yacht *L'Aigle* is to be in readiness to receive the Empress and her suite on the 5th of December.

Ministerial Changes.

Reports of modifications in the Ministry are now being spread about, and I think, from inquiries, that there is some basis for them. Monsieur Rouher, the Minister of State, does not at all relish the idea of seeing Count Walewski preside in the *Corps Legislatif* next session, for M. Rouher fancies that he is not exactly the right man in the right place. It is probable that, in compensation, the Count will take the Ministry of the Emperor's household, now held by Marshal Vaillant. If this should take place, there will be a great many changes among high personages in the Cabinet.

The Great Exhibition.

The progress of the works of the Great Exhibition of Art and Industry, one of the proudest achievements of the second empire, is really startling. This immense building is almost a mile in circumference, and forms nearly a circle. The productions and manufactures exhibited are to be arranged as follows:—

First. Works of art.

Second. Materials and tools used in artistic labor.

Third. Articles of furniture and other objects intended for the interior of dwelling-houses.

Fourth. Wearing apparel of every description.

Fifth. Raw material used in manufactures in different degrees of preparation.

Sixth. Art processes and instruments.

Seventh. Food, both in its natural state, preserved, and in different degrees of preparation and cooking.

Eighth. Living specimens, both animal and vegetable, relating to agriculture.

Ninth. The same, relating to horticulture.

Tenth. Special exhibition of inventions for ameliorating the moral and physical condition of the people.

Each of the above classes will have a separate gallery, and thus the visitor will see at one glance, as it were, all the different productions and manufactures contributed by all the nations of the globe.

The principal entrance to the building will be opposite the beautiful Pont de Jena. On both sides of the river, quays and landing-places are being constructed for the accommodation of those visitors who arrive by water, and the exhibition of hydraulic machines, water and fire engines, and pumps will also take place here.

The French restaurant will be under the management of M. Rouze, who has also the refreshment saloon at the opera. It will be opened in January, 1867, in order that the exhibitors, who come to see after the arrangement of their productions, may find ample refreshment without leaving the building.

At the opening of the exhibition, however, restaurants of all countries will be established—English, American, German, Italian, Russian, Chinese, all will be represented.

There will be sufficient choice to please the most fastidious, and, with a little imagination, one may imagine oneself dining in any country under the sun.

Arrived outside the building, we see on our right the International Club, a very fine building, almost as large as the War Office; the same house for the foreign missions; the Theatre and Concert Hall, with its numerous outlets, and the railway station. A little further on are the massive Egyptian constructions, heavy and strange-looking, resembling the temples brought from Memphis.

On the left hand side are the pretty stone and brick church, intended to contain everything appertaining to ecclesiastical art; an immense iron lighthouse; an elegant rotunda, to be opened as a cafe, and a model dwelling-house, presented by a committee of workingmen; also, a windmill, remarkable both by its height and the peculiarity of its shape; a pretty little mosque, of white marble, in which the photo-sculpture is to be exhibited; and, though last, yet by no means least, the Emperor's Algerian tent. The myriad products of ingenuity and invention, stimulated by the wants or luxuries of man, will all be replete with immense interest to the observant visitor who seeks to profit by the lessons its abundant illustrations of art and sciences will be so well adapted to inculcate.

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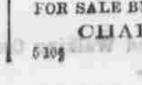

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The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of EDWARD KELLY and THOMAS H. GREEN, Executors of the last Will and Testament of LAWRENCE H. KELLY, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the Accountant, will meet the parties interested for the purpose of his appointment, on MONDAY, December 24, 1866, at 4 o'clock P. M., at his office, No. 142 S. FOURTH Street, in the city of Philadelphia.
JOSHUA SPERING,
12 7 fmw 5t* Auditor.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.
Estate of HOPE Minors.
The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of ROBERT D. MORRIS, Guardian of GEORGE B. HOPE and MARY B. HOPE, children of MATTHEW B. and AGNES C. HOPE, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested for the purpose of his appointment, on MONDAY, December 24, 1866, at 2 o'clock P. M., at his office, No. 402 WALNUT Street, in the city of Philadelphia.
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Artists' Fund Society—The Annual Exhibition of Paintings, Etc.

It is with pleasure we refer to the works of art on exhibition at the Gallery of the Society, No. Chesnut street, opposite the Mint.

A meritorious work of art is always an object of interest to the cultivated mind, but more especially to us when produced by our own townsmen; and that Philadelphia has cause to be proud of her native talent is demonstrated by the pictures now on exhibition.

On entering the Gallery, the eye is attracted by a large marine painting—No. 52, "The Equinoctial"—by James Hamilton. The sky is both massive and grand in effect, full of atmosphere and truth. It is beautifully handled and one of the finest examples of grey coloring whereby Mr. Hamilton has won so much renown. In a proper light the effect is truly wonderful. There are three other large pictures by Mr. Hamilton in the second gallery, one of which—No. 8, "Shipping on the Thames"—is also remarkable for its fine tone and atmospheric effect. It is strong and vigorous, and in every way worthy of its fame.

Whilst contemplating Hamilton's first-named picture, a small, unpretending work, hanging next in line, exercises considerable magnetic power over the spectator, No. 12, "Shrimpers." It is a beach scene at sunset, a small group of figures in the foreground. This little gem is painted with the full and flowing pencil of E Moran; and, while it is full of feeling, and beautiful in color, happily demonstrates how little material is required to make a picture when the artist is skilled in pictorial beauty, has an eye for color, and a heart full of feeling. Turning around, we are again confronted with Moran's large picture, No. 54, "Windmill on Lake Erie." This picture is remarkable for its breadth and vigor, its delicacy and harmony of color. It is full of pictorial beauty, abounding in tender sentiment and feeling, while the cottage and dilapidated mill are inimitable. Moran, like Hamilton, is represented in every room, but his best picture is in the second gallery, No 64, "Launching the Lifeboat." In this picture Moran is at home; for no living artist can better depict an angry wave breaking on the beach with all the maddening fury of resistless elements. In the drawing of water he is always happy—giving to it whatever of motion, depth, or transparency is necessary—but seldom so happy as on this occasion. The composition is as grand as it is original, while the sentiment it conveys touches the most tender chords of human sympathy; and although, in our judgment, the group of figures in the left-hand middle distance might possibly be improved by closer realization, the other parts are so beautifully rendered that we are inclined to doubt whether any other artist would have given us more of perfection, and left us less to sigh for.

On each side of Moran's "Windmill," No. 54, hangs a gem, by Falkner, who, weary of the Emerald Isle, transplanted himself in our midst about a year ago. Nos. 53 and 55 are beautiful specimens of landscape art. Of the two, we prefer the latter—"Sporting on the Dargle" (Ireland). The coloring of these two pictures is very pure and excessively brilliant, and every touch of the brush indicates the hand of a master. They exhibit no weakness, no trace of indecision, no groping around for chance effect, but a clear perception of what was desirable and intended, from the first rub in to the finishing touches. As intimated, we prefer that hanging by the door, it being more replete with pictorial beauty, the foreground painting of which will challenge the admiration of the most exacting connoisseur. Mr. Falkner being still a young man, we predict for him a bright future, his works embracing those rare qualities that will surely commend them to posterity. No. 66, "Glen Achlach"—in the large room—is by the same artist, and is equally well handled. It has all the stillness and solemnity such localities inspire; great breadth of light and shade, with elaborate drawing and detail. It is a picture of feeling rather than of color or special atmospheric effect. To this end, nothing could be more felicitous than the introduction of the humble cottage on the right, as in contrast with the majestic rural heather-clad mountains on the left of the picture, where we are also delighted with a reflective stream meandering amid inimitable rocks and boulders, amid which docks and brackens are struggling for existence; the whole being a beautiful piece of realization, in perfect harmony with the general sentiment.

No. 9, "On the Allegheny with Oil Boats," by W. H. Wilcox, is well painted. The water in the foreground is especially pleasing. No. 34, by the same artist, is also good.

No. 58, "Family Cares," and No. 60, "Apple Woman," by D. R. Knight, are very clever pictures, well painted, and pleasing in color.

No. 59, "In the Woods," by P. Moran, is a fine specimen of animal painting, good in both drawing and color, and the surrounding vegetation well defined. The "Morning Call," in the same room, and No. 86, "Noonday Rest," in the second room, both contain passages of coloring we have seldom seen surpassed, the latter of which is a little gem, the hindquarters of the Pony being especially truthful and full of vitality. No. 71, third room, several studies of "Sheep," by the same artist, exhibit both fine talent and feeling, and a trait of character peculiar to himself, that needs but a little time to mature and develop it.

Nos. 68 and 49, "Fruit Pieces," by Milne Ramsay, in which both fruit and wine appear to be of good quality and excellent flavor.

No. 19, "The Barnyard Family," and No. 24, "Rabbits at Lunch," by L. Juilliard; excellent pictures, well painted, and beautiful in color.

No. 22, "The Slave" (see catalogue), by James Ferris; good in light and shade, well drawn, and pleasing in color.

No. 63, "Autumn," by F. De B. Richards; pleasing in color.

No. 50, "Winter," by W. T. Richards; a very good picture.

No. 67, "Mountain Stream," by G. B. Wood, Jr.; well painted, but not as pleasing as others we have seen by this artist.

No. 57 and 65, W. E. Winner. Pictures that will no doubt attract attention, and speak for themselves.

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No. 6. "The Morning Lesson," G. C. Lambden. Good in effect, pleasing in color, and delicately handled. No. 20, "The New Knife," by the same artist, is *par excellence*. Painted with a pleasing vein of humor, and true to the life.

No. 7. "Autumn on the Schuylkill," J. L. Williams. Well painted, but not very attractive.

No. 38. Large mezzotint, by J. Sartain. A well-executed plate.

Nos. 39, 40, and 41. Mezzotints, by J. Sartain. All well executed and interesting.

There are other pictures than those we have named, worthy of notice, and we time and space do devote thereto. The third room, for instance, contains upwards of one hundred sketches, and forms an attractive feature of the exhibition. On the east side we have "Niagara" from every point of view, and with every conceivable form and phase, by J. Hamilton. On the west side, we have landscape Studies in endless variety, clothed in spring and autumn garb, together with some spirited sketches of coast scenery, by E. Moran.

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The cannon, shot, and shell will be sold by the pound, and the small arms and other miscellaneous articles of ordnance in lots to suit purchasers.

Terms—One-half cash in Government funds, to be deposited on the conclusion of the sale, and the remainder within ten days afterwards, during which time the articles must be removed from the Navy Yard, otherwise they will revert to the Government. H. A. WISE,
12 15 tuth tf 1 10 Chief of Bureau.

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GREAT TRUNK LINE.

FROM PHILADELPHIA TO THE INTERIOR OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE SCHUYLKILL, SUSQUEHANNA, CUMBERLAND AND WYOMING VALLEYS, THE NORTH, NORTHWEST, AND THE CANADAS.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS, October 8, 1866,

Leaving the Company's Depot, at THIRTEENTH and CALLOWHILL Streets, Philadelphia, at the following hours:—

MORNING ACCOMMODATION.

At 7:30 A. M., for Reading and intermediate Stations. Returning, leaves Reading at 6:30 P. M., arriving Philadelphia at 9:10 P. M.

MORNING EXPRESS,

At 8:15 A. M., for Reading, Lebanon, Harrisburg, Pottsville, Pinegrove, Tamaqua, Sunbury, Williamsport, Elmira, Rochester, Niagara Falls, Buffalo, Allentown, Wilkesbarre, Pittston, York, Carlisle, Chambersburg, Hagerstown, etc. etc.

This train connects at READING with East Pennsylvania Railroad trains for Allentown, etc., and the Lebanon Valley train for Harrisburg, etc., at PORT CLINTON with Catawissa Railroad trains for Williamsburg, Lock Haven, Elmira, etc.; at HARRISBURG with Northern Central, Cumberland Valley, and Schuylkill and Susquehanna trains for Northumberland, Williamsport, York, Chambersburg, Pinegrove, etc.

AFTERNOON EXPRESS

Leaves Philadelphia at 3:30 P. M., for Reading Pottsville, Harrisburg, etc., connecting with Reading and Columbia Railroad trains for Columbia, etc.

READING ACCOMMODATION

Leaves Reading at 6:20 A. M., stopping at all way stations, arriving at Philadelphia at 9:40 A. M.

Returning, leaves Philadelphia at 4:30 P. M.; arrives in Reading at 7:35 P. M.

Trains for Philadelphia leave Harrisburg at 8:10 A. M., and Pottsville at 8:45 A. M., arriving in Philadelphia at 1:00 P. M. Afternoon trains leave Harrisburg at 2:10 P. M., Pottsville at 2:45 P. M., arriving in Philadelphia at 6:45 P. M.

HARRISBURG ACCOMMODATION

Leaves Reading at 7:30 A. M., and Harrisburg at 4:10 P. M. Connecting at Reading with Afternoon Accommodation south at 6:30 P. M., arriving in Philadelphia at 9:10 P. M.

Market train, with passenger car attached, leaves Philadelphia at 12:45 noon for Reading and all way stations. Leaves Reading at 11:30 A. M., and Downingtown at 12:30 P. M., for Philadelphia and all way stations.

All the above trains run daily, Sundays excepted.

Sunday trains leave Pottsville at 8:00 A. M., and Philadelphia at 3:15 P. M. Leave Philadelphia for Reading at 8:00 A. M., returning from Reading at 4:25 P. M.

CHESTER VALLEY RAILROAD.

Passengers for Downington and intermediate points take the 7:30 and 8:15 A. M. and 4:30 P. M. trains from Philadelphia, returning from Downingtown at 7:00 A. M. and 12:00 noon.

NEW YORK EXPRESS FOR PITTSBURG AND THE WEST

Leaves New York at 7 and 9 A. M. and 8:00 P. M., passing Reading at 1:05 and 11:53 A. M. and 1:48 P. M., and connecting at Harrisburg with Pennsylvania and Northern Central Railroad express trains for Pittsburg, Chicago Williamsport, Elmira, Baltimore, etc.

Returning, express train leaves Harrisburg on arrival of the Pennsylvania express from Pittsburg, at 3 and 9:05 A. M. and 9:15 P. M., passing Reading at 4:49 and 10:52 A. M., and 11:30 P. M., and arriving in New York at 10 A. M. and 9:45 P. M. Sleeping cars accompany these trains through between Jersey City and Pittsburg, without change.

A mail train for New York leaves Harrisburg at 2:10 P. M. Mail train for Harrisburg leaves New York at 12 M.

SCHUYLKILL VALLEY RAILROAD.

Trains leave Pottsville at 7 and 11:30 A. M., and 7:15 P. M., returning from Tamaqua at 7:35 A. M. and 1:40 and 4:15 P. M.

SCHUYLKILL AND SUSQUEHANNA RAILROAD.

Trains leave Auburn at 7:50 A. M. for Pinegrove and Harrisburg, and 1:50 P. M. for Pinegrove and Tremont, returning from Harrisburg at 3:30 P. M., and from Tremont at 7:35 A. M. and 5:25 P. M.

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The following tickets are obtainable only at the office of S. BRADFORD, Treasurer, No. 227 S. FOURTH Street, Philadelphia, or of G. A. NICOLLS, General Superintendent, Reading:—

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From Philadelphia to principal stations, good for Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, at reduced fare, to be had only at the Ticket office, at THIRTEENTH and CALLOWHILL Streets.

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Goods of all descriptions forwarded to all the above points from the Company's Freight Depot, BROAD and WILLOW Streets.

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Leave Philadelphia daily at 5:30 A. M., 12:45 noon, and 6 P. M., for Reading, Lebanon, Harrisburg, Pottsville, Port Clinton, and all points forward.

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Close at the Philadelphia Post Office for all places on the road and its branches at 5 A. M., and for the principal stations only at 3:15 P. M. 8 15

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Returning, the above lines will leave New York at 12 noon, and 4 and 9 P. M.

Freight for Trenton, Princeton, Kingston, New Brunswick, and all points on the Camden and Amboy Railroad; also, on the Belvidere, Delaware, and Flemington, the New Jersey, the Freehold and Jamesburg, and the Burlington and Mount Holly Railroads, received and forwarded up to 1 P. M.

The Belvidere Delaware Railroad connects at Phillipsburg with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, and at Manunkachunk with all points on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad, forwarding to Syracuse, Buffalo and other points in Western New York.

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A slip memorandum, specifying the marks and numbers, shippers and consignees must, in every instance, be sent with each load of goods, or no receipt will be given.

N. B.—Increased facilities have been made for the transportation of live stock. Drovers are invited to try the route. When stock is furnished in quantities of two car loads or more, it will be delivered at the foot of Fortieth street, near the Drove Yard, or at Pier No. 1, North River, as the shippers may designate at the time of shipment. For terms, or other information, apply to

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NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.—Depot, THIRD Street, above Thompson.

For BETHLEHEM, DOYLESTOWN, MAUCH CHUNK, EASTON, WILLIAMSPORT, and WILKESBARRE.

At 7:30 A. M. (Express), for Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk, Hazleton, Williamsport, and Wilkesbarre.

At 3:30 P. M. (Express) for Bethlehem, Easton, etc., reaching Easton at 6:45 P. M.

At 5:15 P. M., for Bethlehem, Allentown, Mauch Chunk.

For Doylestown at 8:35 A. M., 2:30 and 4:15 P. M.

For Fort Washington at 10 A. M. and 11 P. M.

For Lansdale at 6:15 P. M.

White cars of the Second and Third Streets Line City Passenger Cars run direct to the depot.

TRAINS FOR PHILADELPHIA.

Leave Bethlehem at 6:25 A. M. and 12:25 Noon, and 6:15 P. M.

Leave Doylestown at 6:40 A. M., 3:15 and 5:30 P. M.

Leave Lansdale at 6:00 A. M.

Leave Fort Washington at 10:50 A. M., and 2:15 P. M.

ON SUNDAYS.

Philadelphia for Bethlehem at 9 A. M.

Philadelphia for Doylestown at 2:30 P. M.

Doylestown for Philadelphia at 7:20 A. M.

Bethlehem for Philadelphia at 4:30 P. M.

Through Tickets must be procured at the ticket offices, THIRD Street or BERKS Street.

ELLIS CLARK, Agent.
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1866.—PHILADELPHIA AND ERIE RAILROAD.—The great line traverses the North and Northwest Counties of Pennsylvania to the City of Erie on Lake Erie. It has been leased and is operated by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

TIME OF PASSENGER TRAINS AT PHILADELPHIA.

Arrive Eastward—Erie Mail Train, 7 A. M.; Erie Express Train, 1:20 P. M.; Elmira Mail, 5:40 P. M.

Leave Westward—Erie Mail, 9 P. M.; Erie Express Train, 12 M.; Elmira Mail, 8:00 A. M.

Passenger cars run through on the Erie Mail and Express trains without change both ways between Philadelphia and Erie.

NEW YORK CONNECTION.

Leave New York at 9 A. M., arrive at Erie 10:00 A. M.

Leave New York at 5:00 P. M., arrive at Erie 7:15 P. M.

Leave Erie at 5:30 P. M., arrive at New York 4:40 P. M.

Leave Erie at 9:10 A. M., arrive at New York 10:10 A. M.

Elegant Sleeping Cars on all the night trains.

For information respecting passenger business, apply at office, THIRTIETH and MARKET Streets, Phila.

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WEST JERSEY RAILROAD LINES, FROM foot of MARKET Street (Upper Ferry), commencing MONDAY, September 24, 1866.

LEAVE PHILADELPHIA AS FOLLOWS:—

For Bridgeton, Salem, Millville, and all intermediate stations, at 8 A. M. Mail, 3:30 P. M., Passenger.

For Woodbury, 8 A. M., 3:30 and 6 P. M.

For Cape May, at 3:30 P. M.

RETURNING TRAINS LEAVE

Woodbury at 7:15 and 8:40 A. M., and 4:54 P. M.

Bridgeton at 7:05 A. M. and 3:00 P. M. Freight, 5:30 P. M.

Salem at 6:50 A. M. and 3:05 P. M. Freight, 5:45 P. M.

Millville at 6:55 A. M. and 3:08 P. M. Freight, 6:10 P. M.

Cape May at 1:45 A. M., Passenger and Freight.

Freight will be received

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

What to Buy, and Where to Buy It.

How to Bring Joy to the Household.

A Tour of the Leading City Stores.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

It sometimes so happens that a person walks forth into the street in the holiday season with a roll of bills in his pocket, to get rid of which is the sole desire that possesses him. But what shall he purchase? and where shall he purchase? Ah, these are questions of grave moment, from the perplexity of which an empty pocket affords the only sure relief. Expecting, then, that the city will be overrun with such lucky wights—we mean those with the plethoric pockets and the puzzled pates—we come to the rescue in this wise:—We have made the tour of the principal business streets; we have diligently examined into the nature of the articles suitable for holiday gifts which are exposed for sale; we have turned some of them upside down, that we might satisfy ourselves the bottom was as good as the top; we have even taken a peep into the interior of a few, to ascertain if all was gold that had a glitter without; and the result of these investigations we have embodied in a series of articles, the first of which we give to the public to-day. They will follow in regular succession, until the store of our knowledge in this respect is exhausted. For the sake of system and convenience, we have walked up one side of a street and down the other.

CHESNUT STREET—SOUTH SIDE.

Taking the south side of Chesnut street for the commencement of our tour, and beginning at the lower end of the street, the first establishment upon which we come is that of

T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Booksellers.

Ho! for the holidays. Christmas is nearing, and there is but a short time in which to complete all the arrangements necessary to a right celebration of this immemorial day. T. B. Peterson & Brothers, No. 306 Chesnut street, are now prepared with everything that will amuse, instruct, and gratify. Books in abundance—books of biography, geography, science, philosophy, history, research, standard, novels, romances—books of all kinds.

The most appropriate present that can be made to any person is a neatly bound book suited to the tastes and wants of the receiver. Presentation books, bound in the most beautiful manner, in endless variety, of all sizes, at the lowest possible rates. Books of instruction suited for the study of children and the meditation of sages.

Beyond all doubt, the establishment of T. B. Peterson & Bros. contains the largest selections of all the most gifted of imaginative writers of past or present times, with no exception of any other establishment in the country. The largest assortment of Cook-books extant is here to be found. In fact, Petersons' establishment can be classed in this line as the "greatest emporium of romantic literature and housewife economy" to be found anywhere in the world.

Works of the most gifted of authors are here to be found, bound in the best possible form, and sold at rates within the compass of all. We notice that, in connection with their large selections in this direction, they have just received a supply of Dickens' works, bound in the latest style of convenience and neatness. Drawing-room, library, and household editions in untold numbers. We advise our friends at once to supply themselves with the productions of the inimitable "Boz," and cultivate an acquaintance with that most sedate yet ludicrous of individuals, "Mr. Pickwick," and also learn of the doings of his servant, "Samuel Weller."

All the latest foreign or home magazines, papers, etc., can be had at this comprehensive establishment.

Go one, go all, to Petersons', and we are confident that you will not leave the store without having procured one of the vast collection there contained.

Following our course up Chesnut street, we next come to the store of

E. G. Whitman & Co., Confectioners.

In consequence of the near approach of Christmas, that ever memorable time, with all its attendant festivities, it is necessary that all our people who intend to celebrate it in the good old customary way, should begin to make the necessary preparations for its appearance. To do this they should learn where all those delectable dainties, those which are so highly prized by the children, who regard them with more desire because "Santa Claus" brought them, can be obtained.

E. G. Whitman & Co., of No. 318 Chesnut street, are fully prepared to meet the large demand for confections, sweetmeats, and goodies of all kinds, which the coming holidays will increase. Confections of every kind are in store, at all prices ranging within reasonable bounds, and of a kind to give full satisfaction to all who visit his establishment, which is not surpassed by any other of the kind in the city. Come one, come all, and store in a good stock of that which is invariably the chief desire of the children. Let them anticipate great joys on the coming Christmas, so that it will be a remembrance in their coming years of Christmas pleasures past.

Pursuing our way up the street, we come next to the store of

Farr & Brother, Jewellers.

Farr & Brother, importers of all kinds and descriptions of jewelry, at No. 324 Chesnut street, below Fourth, are well supplied to meet the wants of the people who desire fine and beautifully manufactured jewelry at the lowest possible prices. Musical boxes, especially, can there be had, large or small, ornamented or plain, playing, in most harmonious melody and most bewitching strains, from two to twelve airs, and ranging in value from $5 to $300. Their assortment comprises such choice pieces as "Home, Sweet Home," "The Last Rose of Summer," etc.; and they also have beautiful selections from the various operas for sale at moderate prices. Give them a Christmas call.

Harding's Bible and Photograph Album Emporium.

For a wedding, holiday, or birthday gift, nothing can be more appreciated by the receiver than a beautifully bound album, wherein in after life can be seen the forms of those one knew in youth, bringing up pleasant recollections of by-gone days; or a bible, that will be handled and read often, carrying our thoughts to the standing of our own moral natures—a book that will be as beautiful a gift as useful. William W. Harding, No. 326 Chesnut street, has stocked his large establishment with all that is necessary for all tastes. Of albums every variety can be found at his store; for holiday times the most extensive stock in the city. Among them is "Harding's Patent Chain-Back Album," which stands unrivalled as the best of all. Purchasers will find it greatly to their benefit to inspect his stock of elegant goods.

Barnes, Osterhaut & Herron, Dealers in Hats, Caps, and Furs.

In the new store at the southeast corner of Fourth and Chesnut streets is now located the well-known firm of Barnes, Osterhaut & Herron, dealers in hats, caps, and furs. They have received an entire new stock in the above articles, which is not excelled by any of the larger houses. A set of furs would be a cheap and acceptable present to a wife, to protect her from the cold blasts of winter. A muff and tippet for the little one would bring joy and gladness to her heart. By all means visit Messrs. Barnes, Osterhaut & Herron, and purchase the above-mentioned articles; also, a hat or a cap, if you intend purchasing one.

Warburton, the Hatter.

"Warburton, the hatter," a household word in Philadelphia, is a thorough business man. He understands the wants of his customers, and can fit them with a hat or cap to their entire satisfaction. He has on hand at present a large stock of all kinds of hats, from the costliest "beaver" to the cheapest "slouch." He has the reputation of being, and is, no doubt, the most fashionable hatter in the city. All the latest Paris styles can be found at his establishment, and at as cheap a rate as it is possible to furnish them. In the show windows of his *ne plus ultra* establishment will be found hats of all sizes and shapes, from the beautiful "second story" to the common cap. It is hardly necessary for us to mention his place of business, as every one has heard of "Warburton, the hatter;" but for the information of those who are sojourning in our city for a short time, and those who are desirous of purchasing "the latest style," we would say, go to No. 430 Chesnut street, next door to the Post Office, where we are satisfied you will be suited.

Moss & Co., Stationers.

To many of our young men, especially students of drawing, nothing will be more acceptable as a Christmas present than a complete set of mathematical or drawing instruments. In addition to the instruments, drawing-paper must also be included, for without the paper the present would be incomplete. At Moss & Co.'s, No. 32 Chesnut street, can be found the instruments and paper of all styles and prices. Mr. Moss also has a large stock of general stationery, which, for its good quality and cheapness, is not excelled by any in the city.

As we pass along, however, we can procure at any drug store

Mujaviro, the New Perfume.

Ladies and gentlemen should be particular in their choice of perfumes; for it is but truth to say that an injudicious choice in that which ought to delight the senses, often causes disgust to those in association with them.

The great success of "Mujaviro" has earned for itself the name of the most delicious perfumes which has ever been presented to the public. It has no superior, and, we think, no equal. It is one that needs but a trial to satisfy the purchaser as to its full merits. Sold by all druggists, and by the manufacturers, R. & G. A. Wright, No. 624 Chesnut street.

James H. Orne & Co., Carpet Dealers.

Now that winter is setting in, and as many of last year's carpets have been thrown aside, it is necessary, in order to have our houses wear a cheerful aspect and keep us warm and comfortable, that we should purchase new ones. There are many dealers in this city in this essential article, but none exhibit more enterprise than James H. Orne & Co., No. 626 Chesnut street, in the selection of their stock. They always have on hand a large supply of carpets of all grades and prices, both foreign and domestic. Velvet, Brussels, Ingrain, Three-ply, and all the different grades can be found at their establishment, in endless variety, at prices to suit the times. They also deal extensively in matting. They have just received per steamer a large invoice of French Chenille and Axminster carpets, new designs, which are now ready for sale. We have no doubt that those who intend furnishing their houses with new carpets can be suited at Messrs. Orne & Co's.

The Florence Lock-Stitch Sewing Machine.

A silent and easy movement, a durability in the work produced, and a reasonable price withal, are indispensable in a sewing machine, if it would achieve popularity. The "Florence Lock and Knot-Stitch Machine" can justly lay claim to all these with perfect right, for in beauty of workmanship, silence in motion, and manner of work, it has no superior in the country.

No gift could be esteemed more valuable than that gift which is both capable of great help and an ornament to the home. No family should be without one, for great would be the hand labor saved, and much the time, that would otherwise be occupied in that woman's drudgery of sewing, sewing, from dawn till dusk.

This valuable "Florence" machine can be found at the general salesrooms, No. 630 Chesnut street, and warranted, when sold, to give entire satisfaction, or the money will be refunded.

At the salesrooms, also, all manner of fine sewing and stitching is done to order in the neatest manner, and persons will be taught on the "Florence" without charge.

C. W. A. Trumpler, Dealer in Music and Opera Glasses.

Mr. C. W. A. Trumpler, Seventh and Chesnut streets, has on hand a large assortment of music—"Music that can charm and soothe the savage soul." But, in particular, Mr. Trumpler has a large and elegant assortment of fine *opera-glasses*, manufactured by M. Bardou, of Paris, which are offered at tempting prices. The musical season has already commenced, and all attendants at evening amusements should be well armed with a good opera-glass, that they may observe all the beauties within the scope of their vision.

James McMullan, House-Furnishing Dry Goods.

Bear in mind that cold, chilly, icy winter is now upon us, and in order to be protected from "unwelcome" shivers, look well that you are furnished with a good warm covering that will effectually resist the blasts of winter.

Mr. James McMullan, whose place of business is at the S. W. corner of Seventh and Chesnut streets, has just received his first full importation of English blankets from the establishments of first-class English manufacturers, which will be found by purchasers to be superior for family use to anything of that description yet presented to the public. A large supply of American blankets are offered at greatly reduced prices. Full assortments of *real* Welsh and American flannels, which are so necessary to comfort, are always on hand. Everything is there found which is necessary to the bodily comfort of man or woman. "Low rates and good articles" is the maxim observed in the business of this establishment.

The Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine.

A sewing machine that is capable of performing the coarse and fine work, large or small, from the sewing of thickest cloth to the delicate stitching on muslin or most costly silk—such a machine is one of the most valuable additions a father can make to his home, the most acceptable present to a mother or sister that can be given. Such a one is the "Wheeler & Wilson Sewing Machine," of "noted fame" throughout the country, and the first to advance humanity on to happiness; for it can be nothing else to the old lady who does now, by its use, what but a few years back would have cost untold labor and sleepless nights.

The agency for this machine is at No. 704 Chesnut street, where the proprietors invite the public to look in upon them, and if satisfied—which they cannot help but being—purchase from their valuable stock. Surely a Christmas gift could not be more opportune than one of a sewing machine which would please mother, delight sister, and put the youngsters in awe and fill them with wonder.

Winchester & Co., Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.

Messrs. Winchester & Co., No. 706 Chesnut street, are manufacturers of and dealers in the patent shoulder-seam shirt. The advantage of these shirts every one knows, and it would be useless for us to reiterate it here. They guarantee a perfect fit in the shirt and drawer line, and get them up at very short notice. They also have, in endless variety, all that appertains to a gentleman's wardrobe. Wives, purchase a dozen shirts, and present them to your husbands, and receive from them what every woman likes—a smile and a kiss.

Messrs. Clark & Biddle, Jewellers.

Ho for the holidays! Christmas gifts in abundance; no need of further examination. Those persons who are on the lookout to learn where to purchase the jewelry for holiday gifts, need perplex nor distract their minds no more, for an establishment is within their reach to supply all their wants with articles the value, beauty, and taste of which cannot be denied. the knowledge of the location of this establishment will make unnecessary all that hunting and inquiring which ignorance of the fact of its being the very best in its line would cause. Messrs. Clark & Biddle, No. 712 Chesnut street, have, without doubt, the largest, most extensive, and comprehensive jewelry establishment in the city or country. Everything in their line will be found of the purest metal, of the latest style of manufacture, with neatness and elegance combined.

In gold and silver watches, warranted the best of timekeepers, having the finest works, and ornamented with the most elaborate designs. Their assortment cannot possibly be surpassed. To young and old, who desire one of these most useful articles, we would recommend at once to make a careful examination of the large selection of Messrs. Clark & Biddle. Sets of jewelry, breastpins, eardrops, chains, finger rings, all manner of ornaments so useful to the perfect equipment of a lady's wardrobe—coral sets; pearl sets; diamonds, the most sparkling and of the finest water; all kinds of precious stones, set in gold of most beautiful and elaborate finish; enamelled jewelry, unique and elegant; silver ware, in great abundance, pure, handsome in design, and substantial for use; plated ware, on the purest of white metal, and of the latest patterns.

Everything connected with the complete stock of a jewelry establishment is here to be found. A selection from so large and varied an assortment cannot fail to be made. The prices are moderate. No better inducements are offered in the country. The goods are warranted to be what they are sold for, and will assuredly satisfy all who purchase. In your round of Christmas examinations, do not fail to visit this establishment, No. 712 Chesnut street.

Henry A. Dreer, Dealer in Flowers and Seeds,

Is among the prominent floriculturists of our city. He always has on hand a large stock of geraniums and other flowers; as well seeds of various kinds. He is also an extensive dealer in exotic plants. Bouquets are made to order, and gotten up in truly elegant style. Here is an opportunity for the lovers of botany to secure many of the rarest and most beautiful flowers in the country, and at prices that would surprise one, they being so cheap that you can buy a magnificent collection for a nominal sum. By all means pay him a visit, and purchase some of the rare beauties, and present them to your friends as a Christmas gift. His place of business is No. 714 Chesnut street.

C. Benkert & Son, Manufacturers of Boots and Shoes.

What gentleman is not proud of a neat-fitting boot, especially if the foot it covers is neat and small! But even a large foot can be made to look nice when encased in such elegant boots as are made by our old friends C. Benkert & Sons, who have removed their establishment from No. 488 Fourth street to No. 716 Chesnut street. Mr. Benkert also turns out the finest and prettiest boots and shoes for the gentler sex. His prices will always be found resonable and satisfactory.

McAllister & Brother, Manufacturers of Optical Instruments,

at No. 728 Chesnut street, are well prepared, in their line of business, to accommodate all who may give them a call. Ye who are affected with the unfortunate evils, "near-sightedness," weakness of vision, or extreme tenderness of the eye, consult your benefit by the use of those glasses which will not aggravate the disease or strain the sight, which are to be found in the establishment of McAllister & Brother.

Wilcox & Gibbs Gold Medal Family Sewing Machines.

Time and use will always invariably test the working capacities of any machine. No machine in all the great conclave of mechanical sewers which have been successively presented to the public, has stood this test so well as the noted "Wilcox & Gibbs" machine, which, in all trials of skill, speed, neatness, and durability, has stood in the first rank.

Wherever it has been exhibited in honorable competition, this improved sewing machine has been awarded the highest premiums—of gold or silver medals, or of diplomas. In the late great trial of sewing machines, which occurred in New York, where merit was only gained by the demonstrations of practical tests upon those important points whereon was claimed superiority, the Wilcox & Gibbs machine gained the enviable prize by sustaining each and every point desired.

That it is the simplest, the least liable to become deranged, the best made, the cheapest, the stillest, the easiest running, the fastest, having the best device to prevent a retrograde movement of the wheel, were fully sustained in open trial. Its chief meritorious points also sustained were, that its operation required less mechanical skill, requiring less time for instruction than any other, and the most certain and reliable in its operations and work. Any machine having all these good qualities would surely stand No. 1 in the estimation of the public. Take, also, into consideration that its needle has all those essentials to strength, shortness, straight, and bevelled, that it uses but one thread, avoiding the necessity of complicated machinery, that it sews directly from the spool, and makes the "Wilcox & Gibbs" twisted loop-stitch, which is superior to all others, that the seam is more elastic, more even, and always self-fastened, and that it will do the greatest variety of work, and all will be convinced that it is not surpassed by any other sewer extant. Besides all these great and necessary essentials to a good machine, one that will be found of more use than trouble in a family, it embroiders beautifully, is the neatest hemmer, the best feller, the finest braider, and can do all work in a smaller space of time, in a more durable and elegant manner, than any other. This ought surely to commend it to the public. These machines are finished in the highest style of art, combining lightness with strength. They can be obtained in any form, with or without casings, at the salesrooms of the Wilcox & Gibbs, No. 720 Chesnut street. Be sure, you that desire one of these useful articles, that you make a thorough examination and inspection of this noted machine, and be assured it will not fail to please if purchased.

The Grover & Baker Sewing Machine.

The merits of a sewing machine are hard to decide where so many are held to view before the people. But, nevertheless, a good machine will always commend itself, notwithstanding the markets are crowded and choked by inferior articles.

Thus we see the long-known "Grover & Baker Machine" still holding its position above many others, supported by true merit—often tested, but never failing. It stands up, one of the first, among the great number of hard working, screeching, jogging, and constantly breaking machines, moving steadily without noise, enduring much hard work, but still as good as when first bought; noiselessly it glides on its regular routine of daily toil; constantly working its elastic stitch, that gives, but never breaks; that is cut, but never loosed. This is the machine which has often received the first premium among the multiplicity of lock-stich machines, and holds a high seat of honor in the grand circle of mechanical sewers.

To make a choice in the purchase of a sewing machine—"Oh, how hard," some exclaim, and surely it is so. We commonly say to our friends in this situation—Go to No. 730 Chesnut street, in this city, examine carefully the mechanism of the Grover & Baker Machine, test its working capabilities, and if you think it will satisfy you, go not further, for you can do no better, and may meet with much worse fortune. If you contemplate the presenting of a substantial gift to some lady friend, you cannot do better than present that gift in the shape of the Grover & Baker Sewing Machine.

Weyl & Rosenheim, Dealers in Millinery Goods,

It is perhaps one of the most beautiful sights in the world to see a pretty woman well dressed. And what a quantity of little things go to make the dress of a lady! It is almost bewildering, as one just counts over the various little knick-knacks, at Messrs. Weyl & Rosenheim's, however, we can find all ready at our hand. Their stock of millinery and straw goods is very fine and rich. They have materials of every kind in profusion, and their stock is well worth inspection by any one who likes to see beautiful goods, laces, French flowers, ribbons, etc., and all of the very latest styles.

Lewis Ladomus & Co., Dealers in Diamonds and Jewelry,

at No. 802 Chesnut street, owing to the decline in gold, have made a great reduction in the prices of their large and well-assorted stock of diamonds, watches, jewelry, silverware, etc. This decline in specie is of vast importance at this particular time, when all thoughts are fixed upon the approaching holidays, with great expectations of receiving and giving; for brother can now buy the watch he has been contemplating; mother shall have that set of elegant silverware which was admired so much through the large show windows of Ladomus & Co.; and sister shall have that locket and chain so anxiously longed for; while father will be content to dive often into the recesses of his pocket-book for the wherewithal necessary to purchase these Christmas presents.

The selection of Ladomus & Co. is one of the best in the city. Their stock is not surpassed, their terms are not overrated; and it will well pay a person contemplating the purchase of jewelry to make a careful examination of their stock.

Theodore H. McCalla, Hatter.

Theodore H. McCalla's hat and cap emporium, No. 804 Chesnut street, contains articles of every description in that line of business that can adorn or protect the head. No gentleman's wardrobe is complete until he furnishes himself with an elevating dress-hat, a becoming felt hat, or a warm cap, all of which can be had at the above-mentioned place. All the latest styles, with all their ranges, are there offered to the public.

G. W. Pitcher, Bookseller.

There are some places that, like Charles Dickens' old curiosity shop, are decidedly difficult to describe. We remember once upon a time going to the Academy of Natural Sciences, and when we got home undertook to describe what we saw there, but we gave up in despair, because there were so many beginnings that we never could select one to commence at. It would be almost as difficult a task to describe the many beautiful things that are to be seen at Mr. G. W. Pitcher's, at No. 808 Chesnut street. Many a time have we stepped in to look over their stock of handsome engravings and large photographs, and always have found them anxious to oblige to the utmost of their power.

Perhaps there is hardly a person who pretends to any taste that has not seen and admired their beautiful and artistic phot chromos. There is one, in particular, that comes to our memory as we write this article. It is called "A Picnic in the Woods." A more exquisite imitation of oil painting, or a more natural effect, could hardly be produced. It represents several little chickens a few days old, who have run away from their mother hen, and are enjoying themselves in the woods. The effect is lovely, and the picture is, as it deserves to be, a very popular one.

Besides this picture, Pitcher has a number of oil paintings, which he calls his "gems." They are generally very pretty and tasty, and reflect credit on the getter-up. If we were to descant upon his frames, rustic and gilt, black walnut, etc. etc., or his albums and his little knick-knacks of all kinds, that by their cheapness and beauty are so tempting, we could fill a volume. We would only say, in conclusion, to the reader, to go and see for himself, at G. W. Pitcher's, No. 808 Chesnut street.

J. W. Scott & Co., Men's Furnishing Goods.

J. W. Scott & Co., shirt manufacturers and dealers in gentlemen's furnishing goods, have on hand a large stock in their line, and at prices to suit the times. Their place of business is at No. 814 Chesnut street, where you are sure to be satisfied with the article you purchase. Present your friends with a dozen linen collars from this establishment.

James S. Earle & Sons, Dealers in Paintings, Prints, Etc.

In the handsome establishment of James S. Earle & Sons, at No. 816 Chesnut street, will be found an ample collection of artistic gems, from which the most *recherche* taste can select something in the way of a Christmas gift. The galleries of the Messrs. Earle present, indeed, a wide and varied range to the connoisseur of art, embracing everything from costly first-class paintings in oil down to small prints and lithographs. But perhaps the most attractive articles in the collection are the terra-cotta statuettes from the designs of Rogers, for the sale of which the Messrs. Earle are the sole agents in this city. There is a freshness and vitality about these charming little groups which cannot but recommend them to the most fastidious taste. Most of them, as the public is well aware, are based upon incidents of the late civil war. Mr. Rogers possesses the happy faculty of seizing upon the most romantic and, at the same time, the most touching situations, for his designs. He struck a chord in the great heart of the people, which has responded in a manner too plain to be mistaken. The verdict of success has been emphatically stamped upon all the productions of his fertile art. When every household in the land had one of its members absent in the field, it could not be otherwise, especially as the designs in themselves possessed so much intrinsic merit. Among the most noticeable military sketches are "Taking the Oath," "Uncle Ned's School," "The Bushwhackers," "The Home Guard," "The Wounded Scout," "The Returned Volunteer," "The Last Shot," "The Union Refugees," "The Picket Guard," "Sharp Shooting," and "The Camp Fire." All these designs are wrought out with a high degree of merit, and many of them are unexcelled for delicacy of outline and artistic grouping. It would indeed be strange if a most acceptable gift for the coming holidays could not be found in one or more of them.

Charles Stokes & Co., Clothiers,

are located under the "Continental," as every body knows. And there the ragged and threadbare friend of your heart can be made happy by a discreet and comparatively small outlay. It is even rumored that Stokes has discovered a method by which to sew buttons on in a way that prevents them from dropping off.

(To be continued in our issue of to-morrow.)

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OF THEIR OWN IMPORTATION,

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Have on hand a large and beautiful assortment of Watches, Jewelry, and Silverware, suitable for Christmas Holiday and Bridal Presents.

Particular attention solicited to our large assortment of Diamonds and Watches, Gold Chains for ladies' and gentlemen's wear. Also, Sleeve Buttons, Studs, and Seal Rings, in great variety, all of the newest styles.

FANCY SILVER-WARE,

ESPECIALLY SUITED FOR BRIDAL GIFTS.

We are daily receiving new goods, selected expressly for the holiday sales. Our prices will be found as low, if not lower, than the same quality can be purchased elsewhere.

Purchasers invited to call.

Diamonds and all precious stones, also, old Gold and Silver, purchased or taken in exchange. 8 15 4p

KITCHEN & CO.

HAVE OPENED THEIR

NEW STORE,

SOUTHEAST CORNER

TENTH and CHESNUT Streets,

WITH A FULL STOCK OF

WATCHES. JEWELRY.

Silver, and Silver-Plated Ware.

FANCY GOODS, Etc.

Their Stock being entirely new, and selected with the utmost care, they feel confident of being able to suit the taste of those who wish articles in their line.

They solicit an inspection of their goods.

C. B. KITCHEN. J. H. OLIVER.

N. RULON, Salesman. 11 27 1mrp

CHRISTMAS!

W. W. CASSIDY,

No. 12 SOUTH SECOND STREET

Offers an entirely new and most carefully selected stock of

AMERICAN AND GENEVA WATCHES,

JEWELRY,

SILVERWARE, and FANCY ARTICLES OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, suitable for

BRIDAL OR HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

An examination will show my stock to be unsurpassed in quality and cheapness.

Particular attention paid to repairing. 9 19

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

SMITH & DREER,

S. E. Corner ARCH and TENTH Streets,

Have now on hand a Well selected Stock o

WATCHES, JEWELRY, SILVER, AND SILVER-PLATED WARE,

Suitable for the Christmas Holidays.

A call is respectfully solicited. [12 3 1mrp

THEODORE SMITH. FERDINAND J. DREER, JR

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FINE OPERA GLASSES,

ELEGANTLY BOUND MUSIC BOOKS,

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FOR

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G. RUSSELL & CO.,

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Invite attention to their Choice Stock of SOLID SILVER-WARE, suitable for CHRISTMAS and BRIDAL PRESENTS. [5 26

HENRY HARPER,

No. 520 ARCH Street,

Manufacturer and Dealer in

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Fine Jewelry,

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Solid Silver-Ware.

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DEALER IN

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER

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No 704 ARCH STREET,

PHILADELPHIA.

Those in want of SILVER or SILVER-PLATED WARE will find it much to their advantage to visit our STORE before making their purchases. Our long experience in the manufacture of the above kinds of goods enables us to defy competition.

We keep no goods but those which are of the FIRST-CLASS, all of our own make, and will be sold at reduced prices. 5 20 5

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English Cutlery,

Bronzes, Porcelain,

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Precious Stones,

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Always on hand a large assortment of

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NEW DESIGNS FURNISHED AND GOODS MADE TO ORDER, AT SHORT NOTICE.

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IN GREAT VARIETY.

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Have now ready for sale the most

COMPLETE AND ELEGANT ASSORTMENT

Which they have ever offered, comprising every thing usually found in a

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AT THE

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Have on hand a large and general assortment of

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Or furnished at short notice. 11 24 1mrp

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Fine Mantel Clocks,

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Together with an assortment of

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FARR & BROTHER, Importers,

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Large and small sizes, playing from 2 to 12 airs, and costing from $5 to $300. Our assortment comprises such choice melodies as—

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Besides beautiful selections from the various Operas. Imported direct, and for sale at moderate prices, by

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